Crying Freeman

Vol.1

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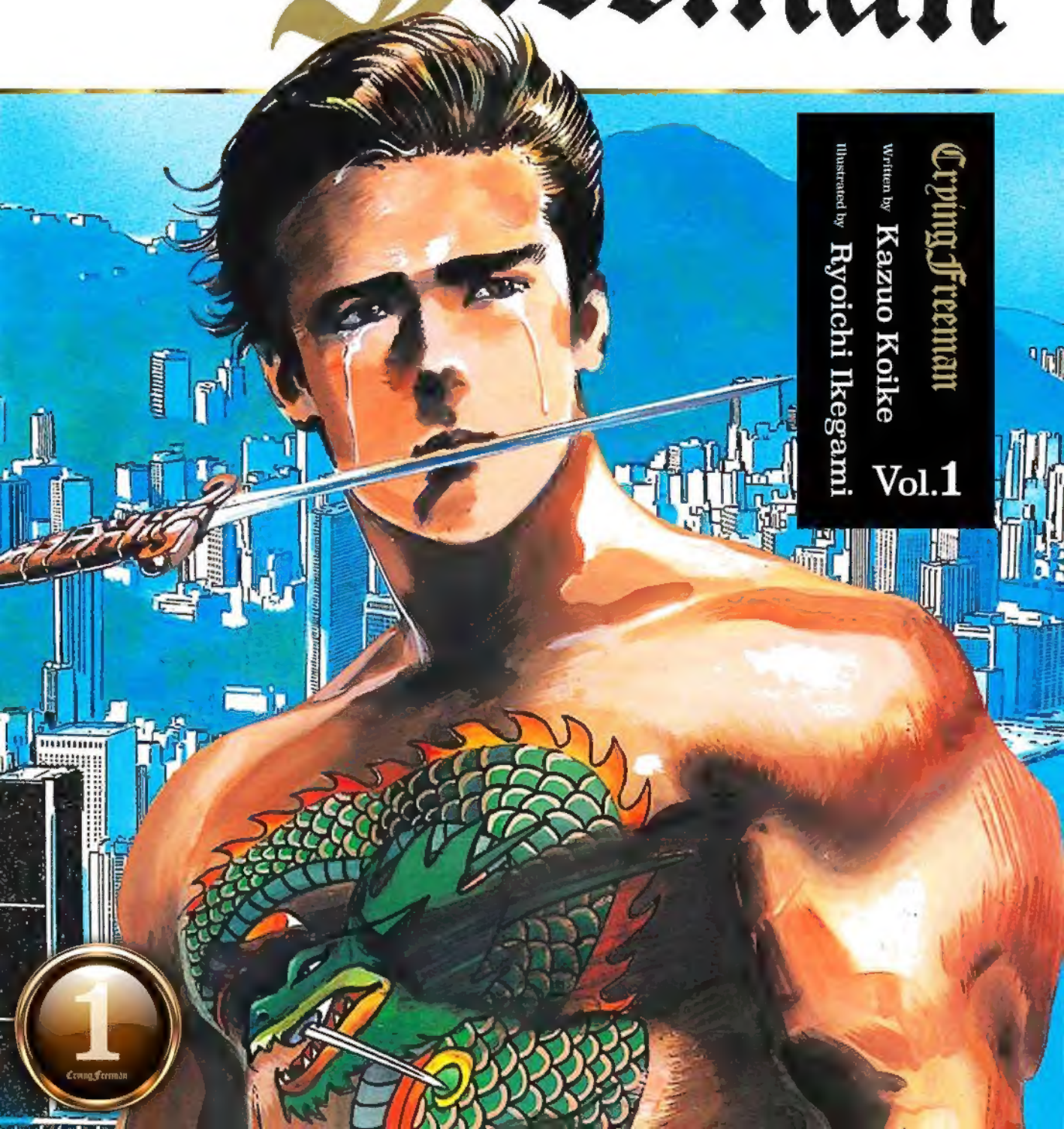

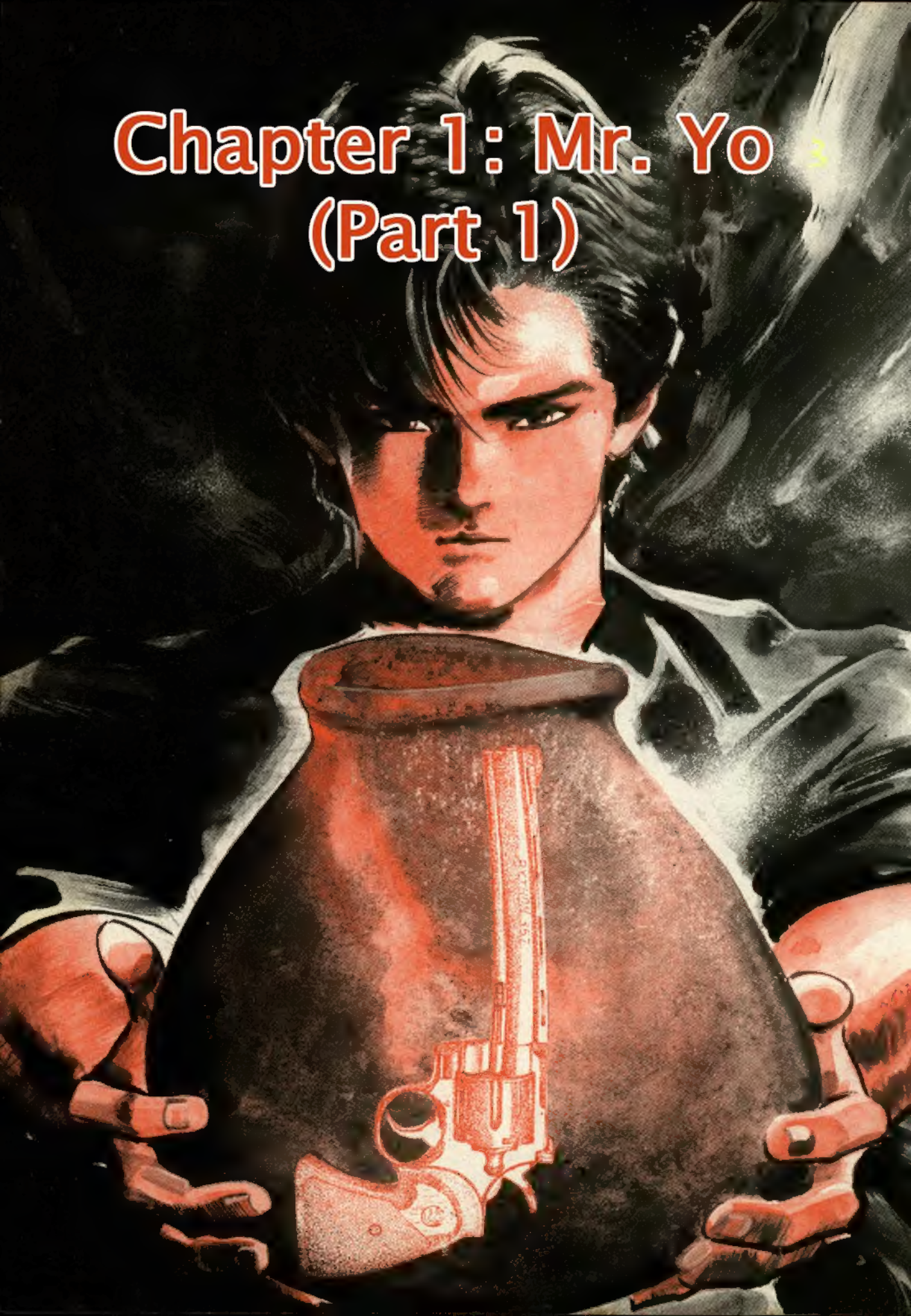
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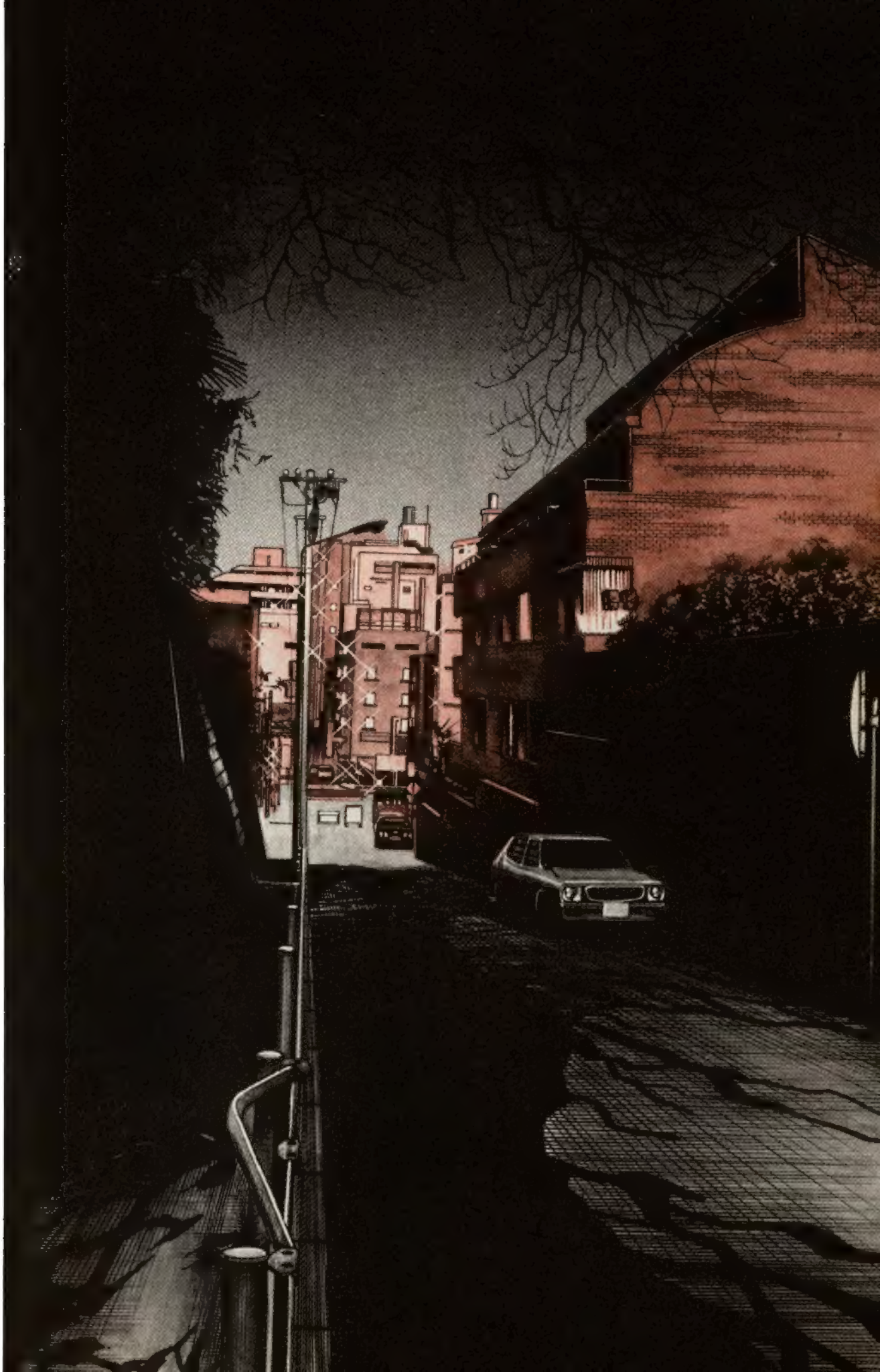
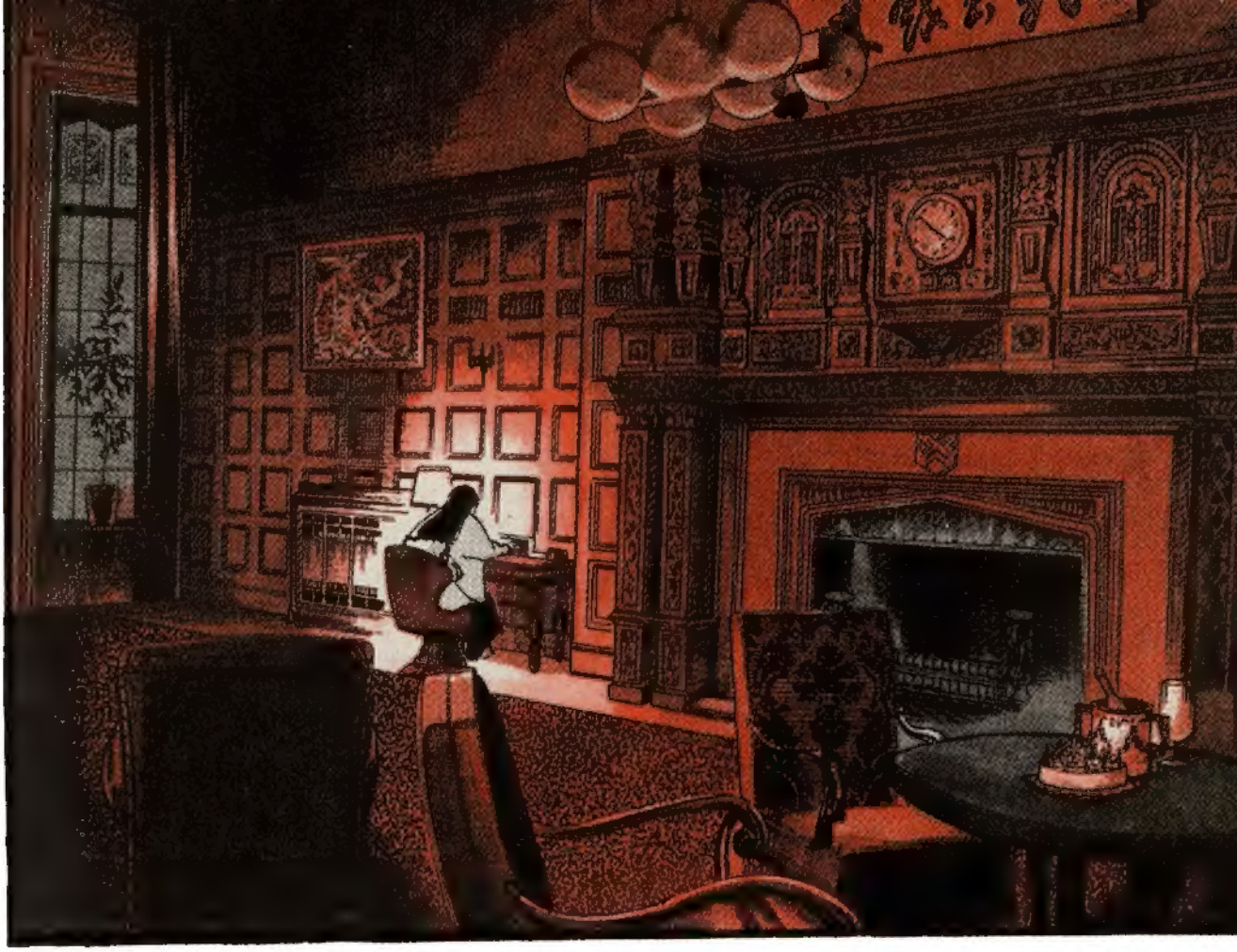


Today is my birthday. I finally turn twenty-nine.

I'm still a virgin. Go ahead and laugh, but it's true.



I am writing this to explain why.
I won't live to see thirty... or so I suspect.

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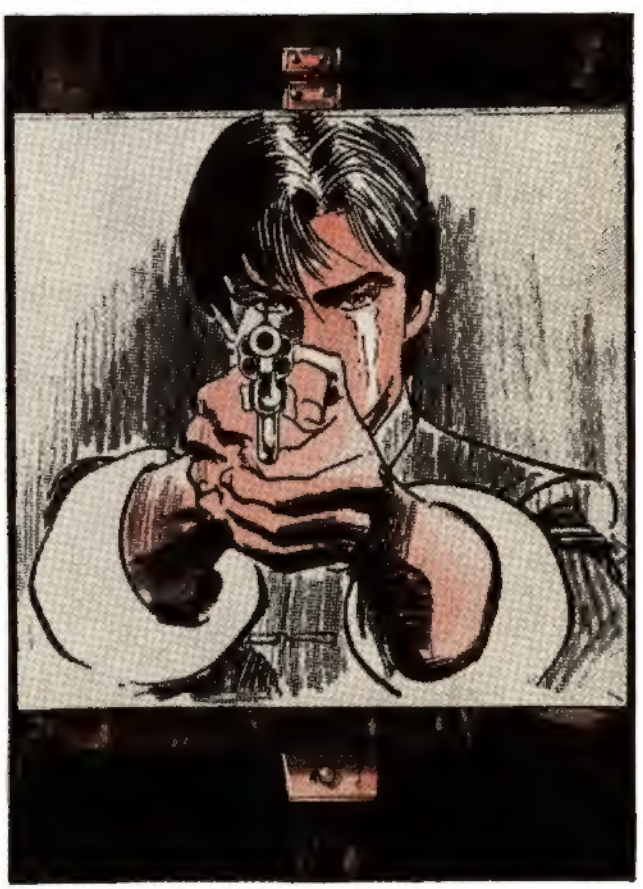
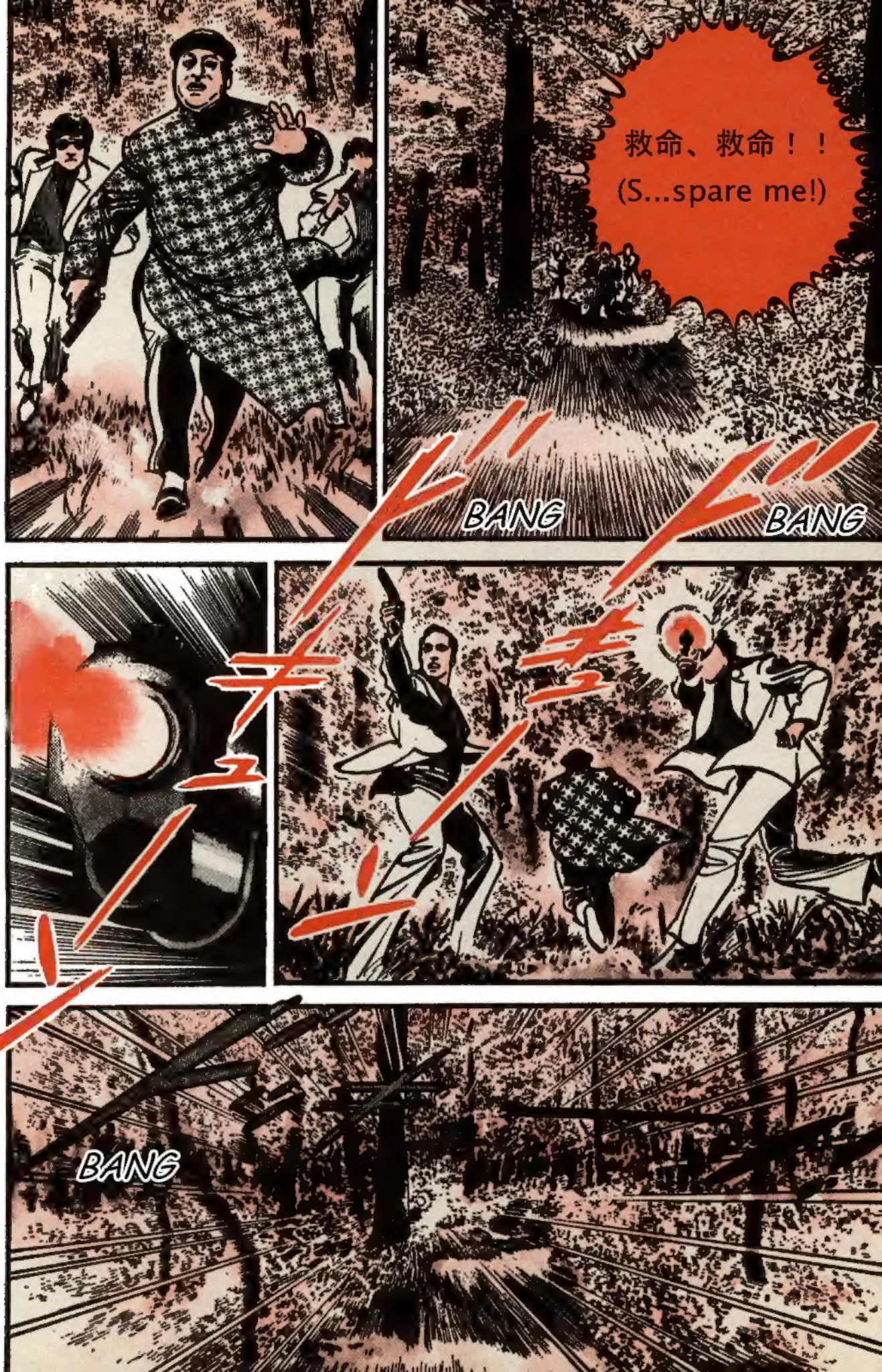
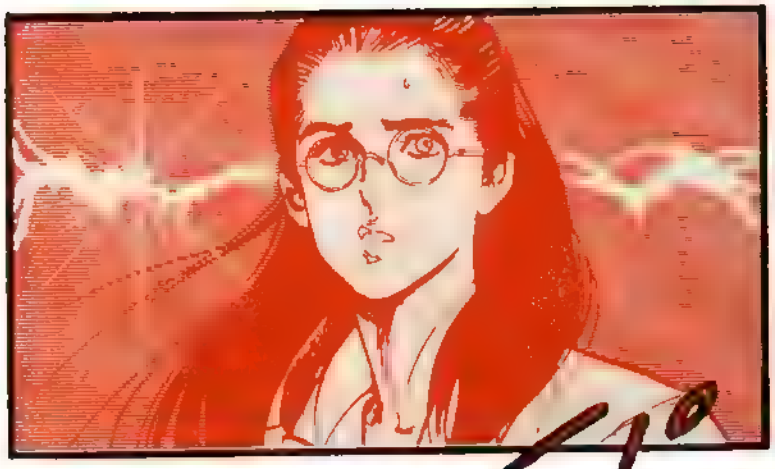
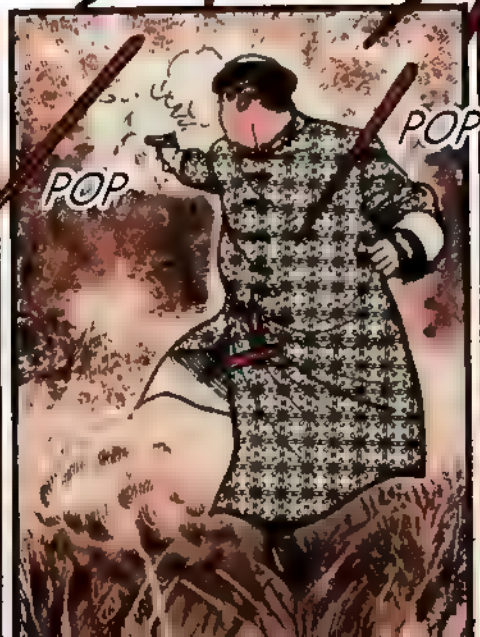
I am going to be killed. The reason being...
I am going to be killed. The reason being...
I saw the murderer's face clearly.
...I witnessed a murder.




救命、救命！！
(S...spare me!)
BANG
BANG
BANG

WOOSH
BANG
BANG
BANG

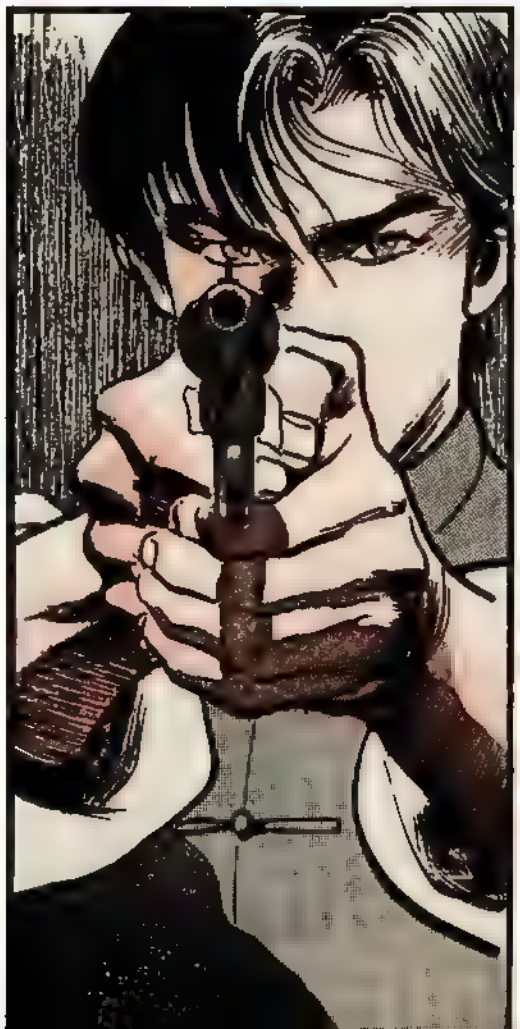


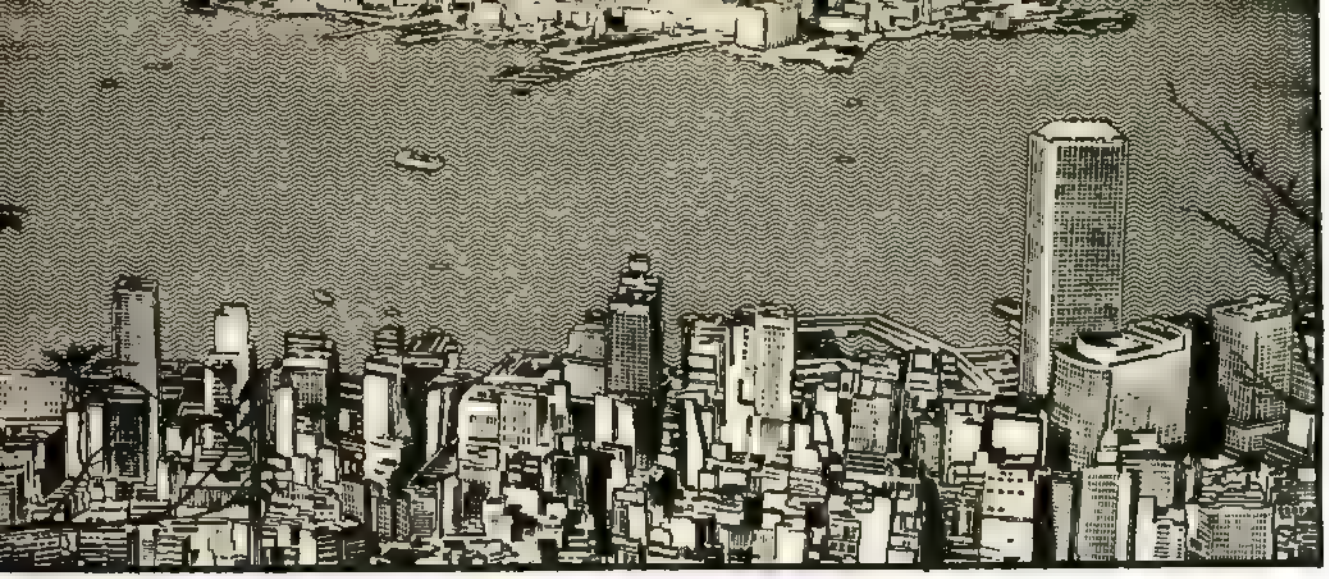

POP
POP

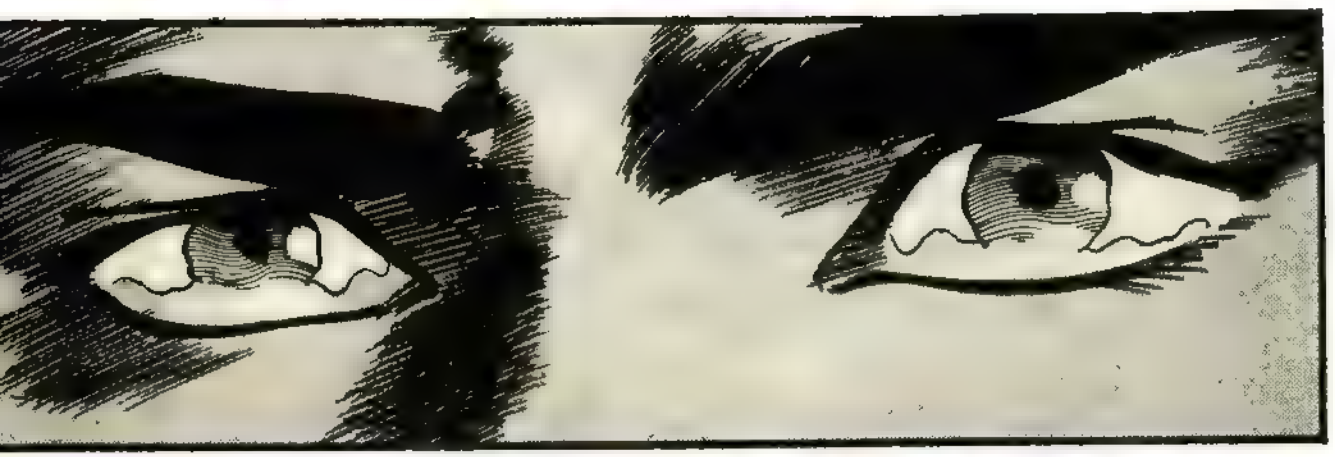
WOBBLE
WOBBLE

救、救救我吧、
自由人你不是我的朋友嗎？
你要多少錢、給你多少錢。
(S...spare me, Freeman.
W...we're friends.
If it's money you want,
I can pay.)
BANG

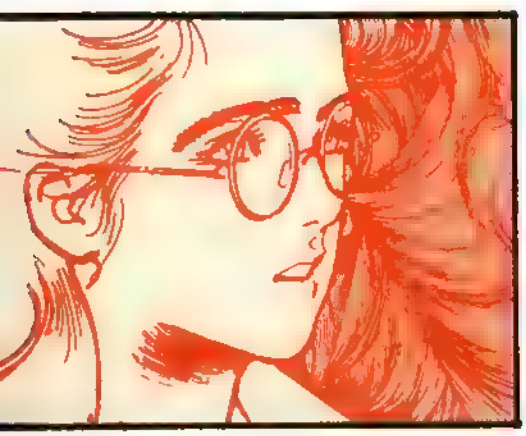
WOBBLE
WOBBLE

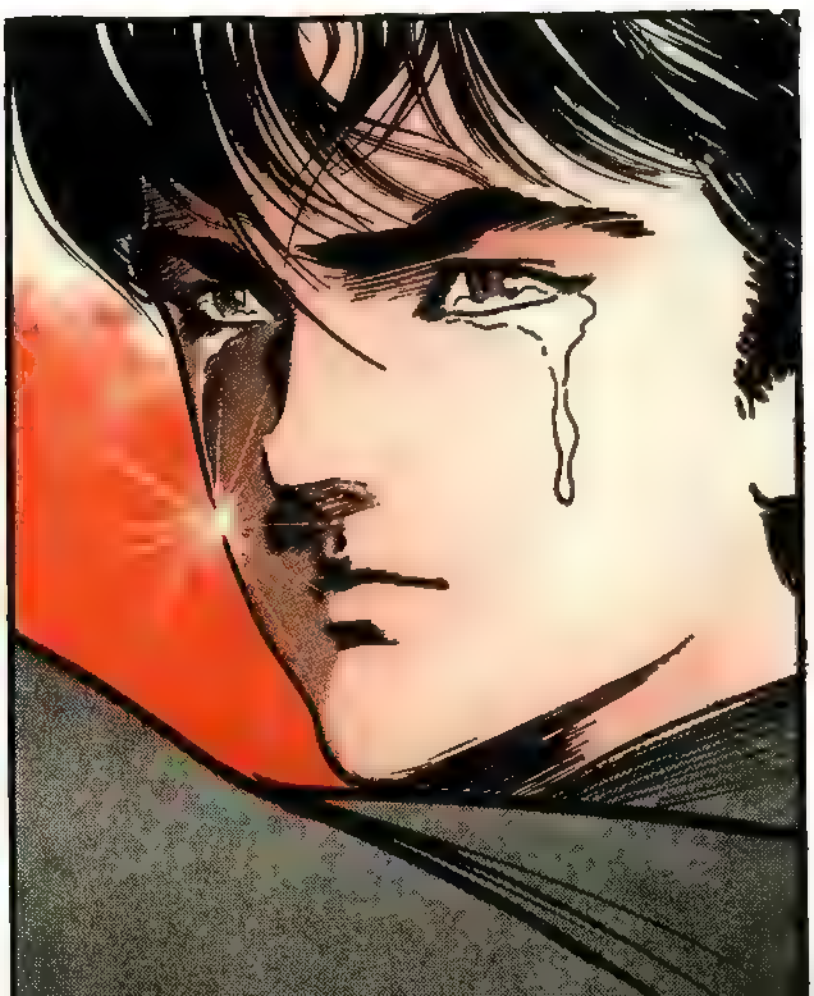




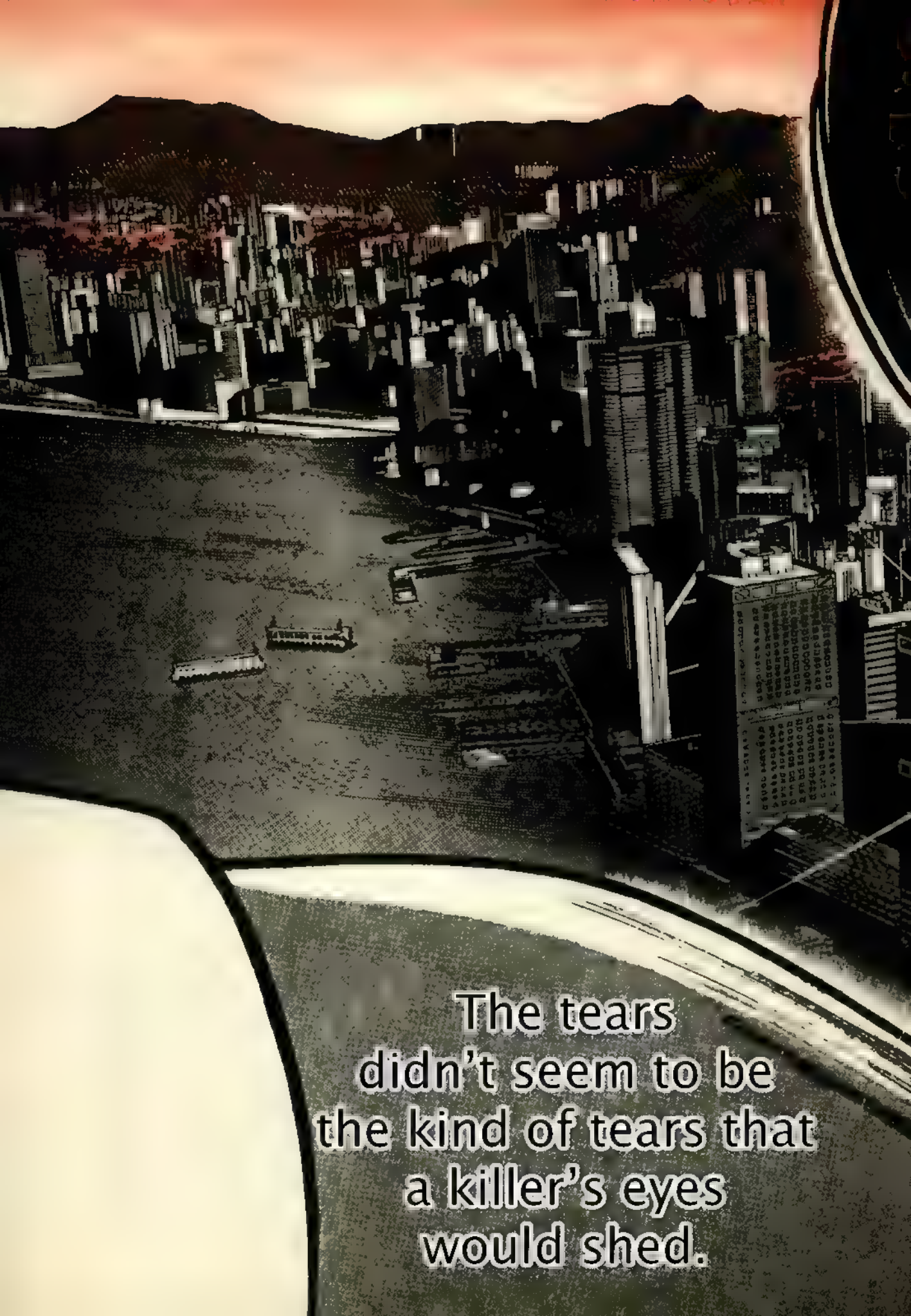


GASP





Silent tears streamed ceaselessly down his cheeks. It was like water gushing forth from a spring.


The tears
didn't seem to be
the kind of tears that
a killer's eyes
would shed.

Maybe it's just because I'm a painter.
They seemed much too sorrowful... much too beautiful.

BOOM
DASH

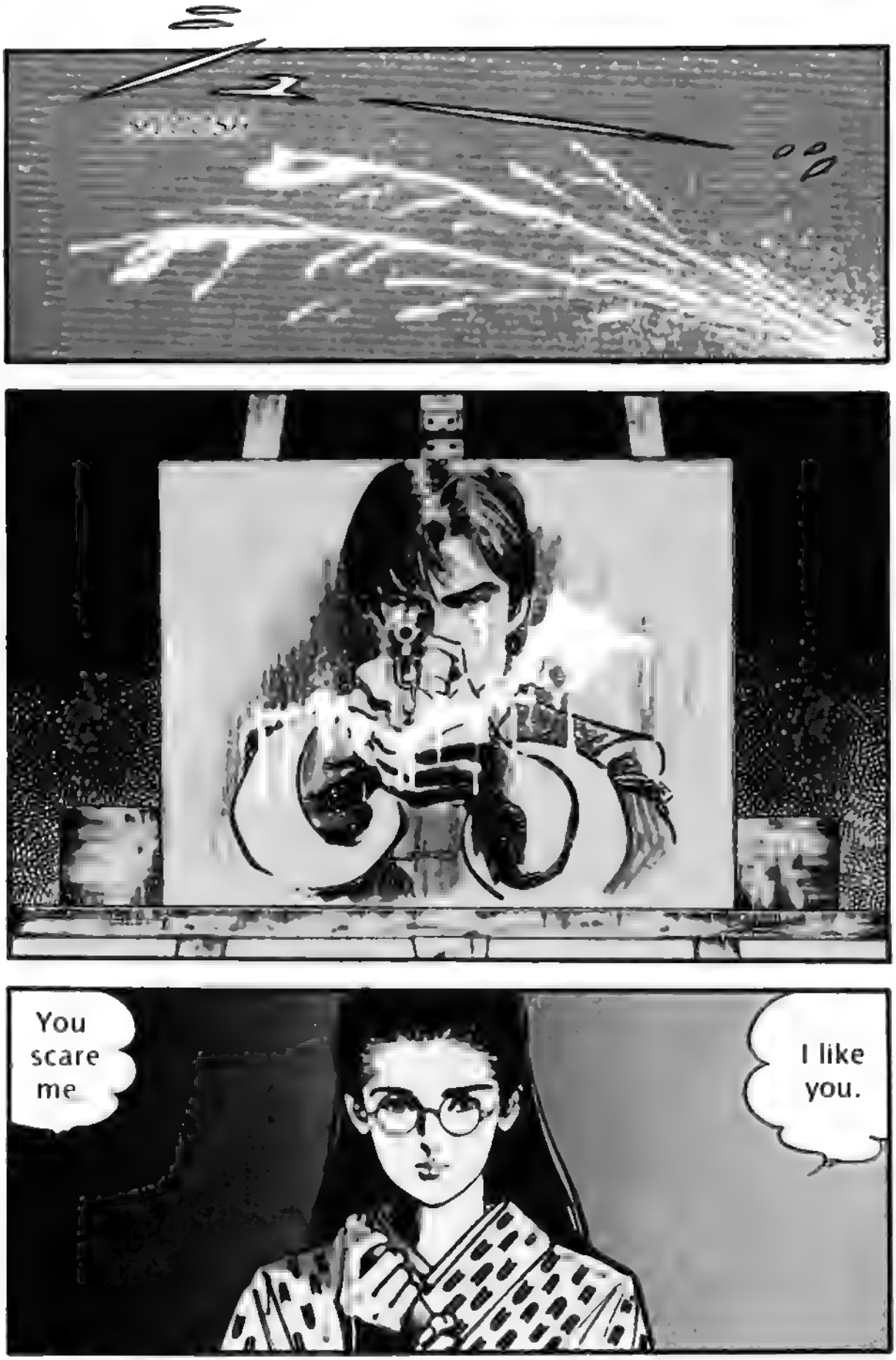
Yes.
你是画家吗? (You a painter?)

Yes.
My name is
Emu Hino.
You
Japanese?
I'm...
...Yo. Same
character as
"kiln" in
Japanese.

Mister...
Yo.
A killer told me his name.
I've heard that in China, that means the killer will find you and kill you before long.

SSS
HUFF
GRIN
This house is falling apart. I received a note from the fire department recommending that I get it torn down.
My father, who was said to be the last remaining "fixer" in Japan, is now dead. I'm all alone.
If you're going to kill me...
And so, I still have one lingering regret before I depart from this realm.
Because my father was such a powerful figure, men were afraid to approach me.

Wish me a happy birthday, Mr. Yo.
...kill me after you've made me a woman.
Hm hm.
POP


You scare me
I like you.

VEEEWN
JAPAN AIR LINES

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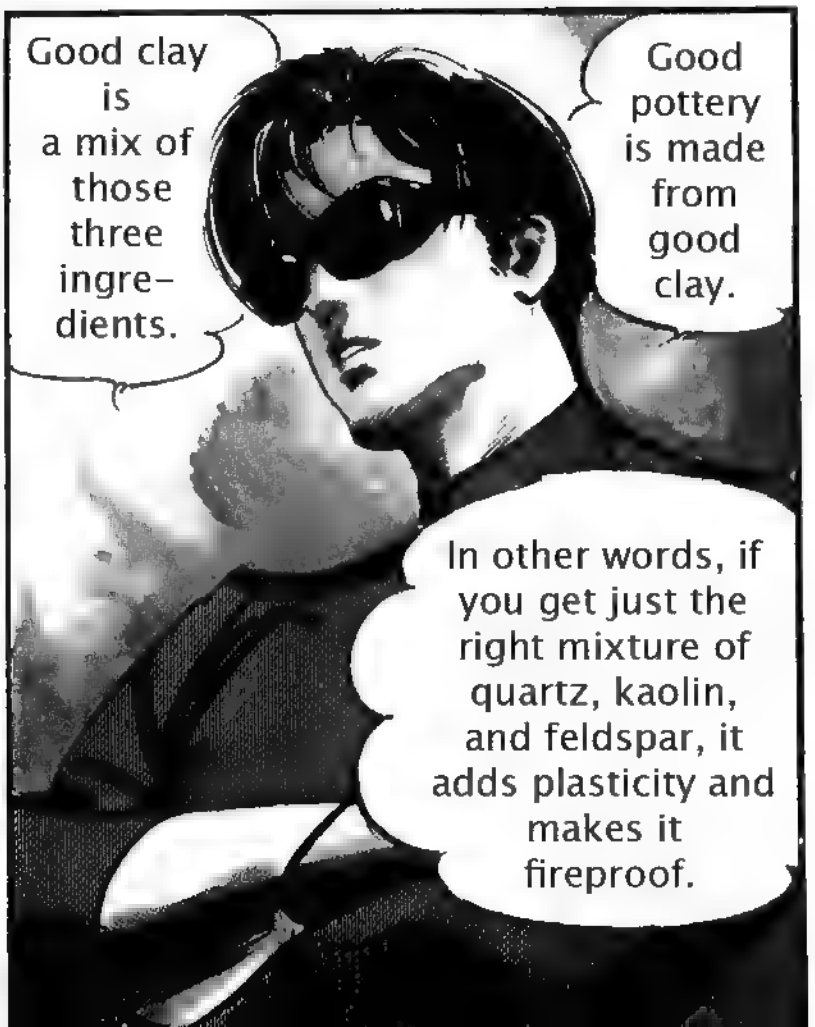
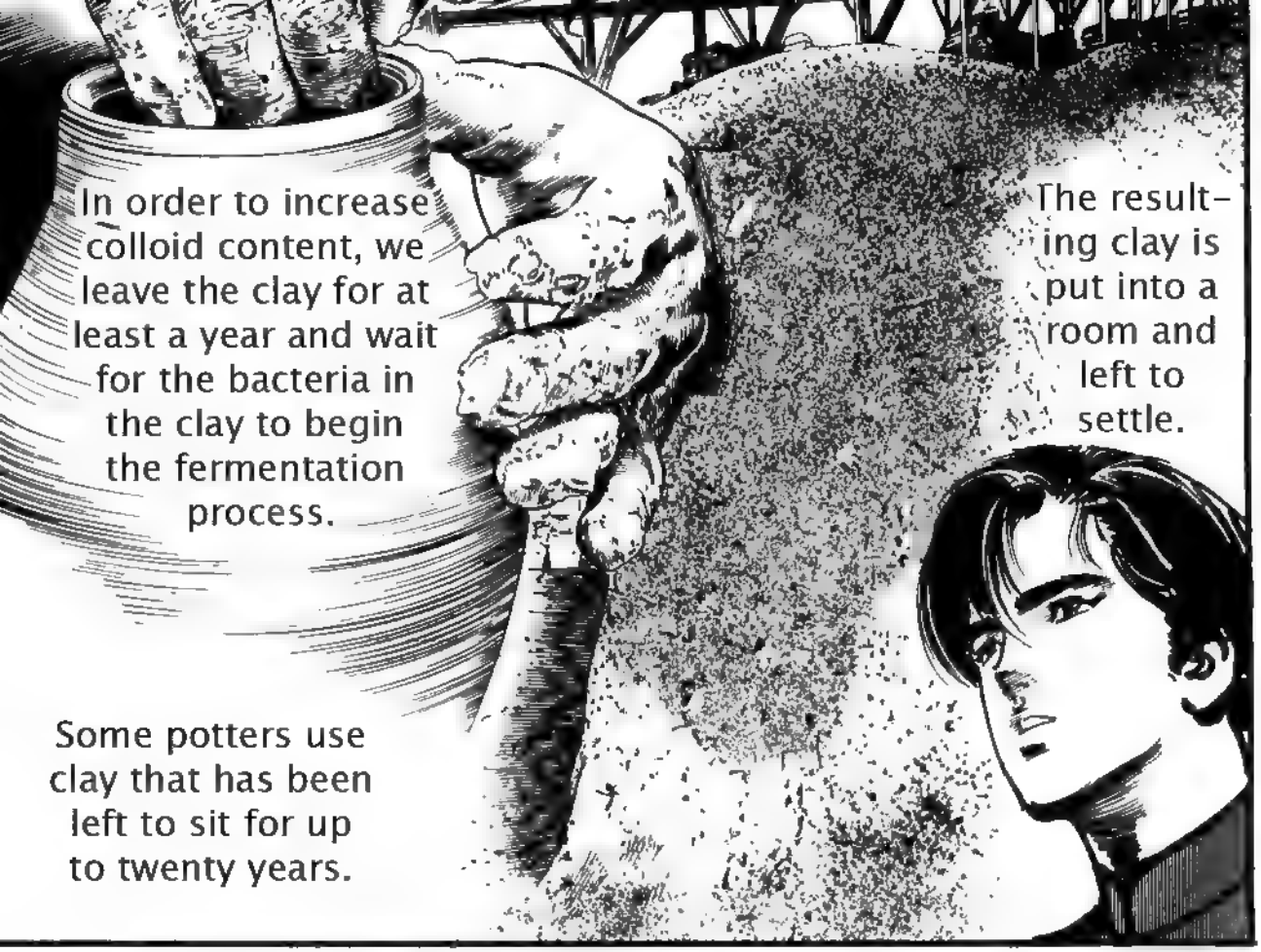

Good clay is a mix of those three ingre-dients.
Good pottery is made from good clay.
In other words, if you get just the right mixture of quartz, kaolin, and feldspar, it adds plasticity and makes it fireproof.

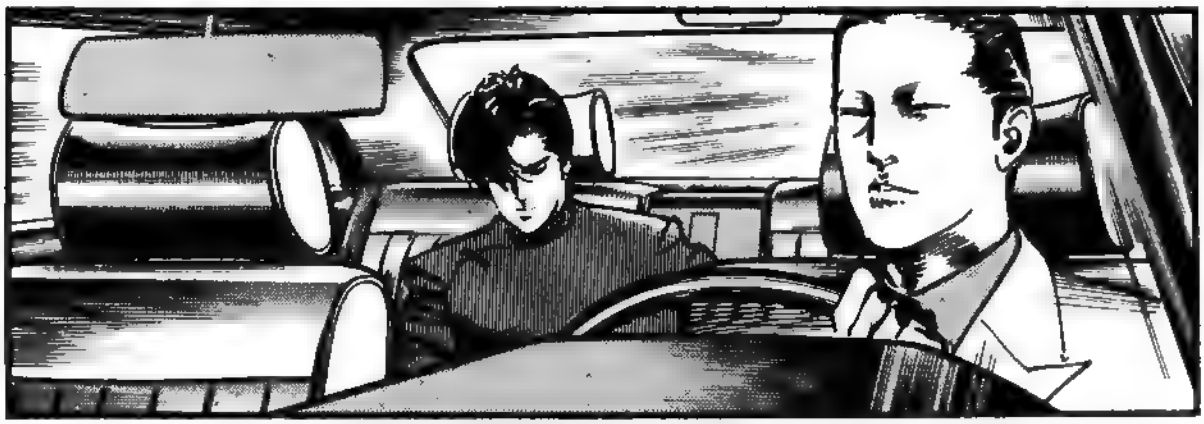
BLUSH
We strain it with water, and after removing the sediment, we put it through a kneading machine to make clay.
We dry our raw materials, the soil, then we break it up and put it through a sieve.
We artists all make our own clay, if you will.

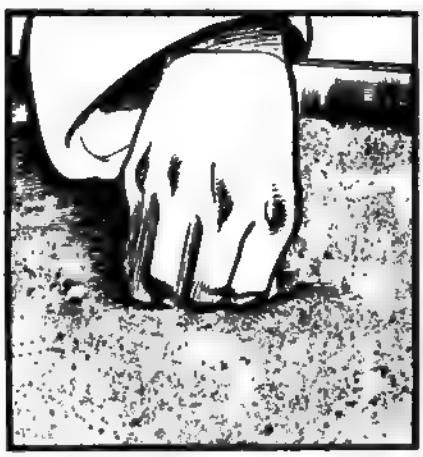

In order to increase colloid content, we leave the clay for at least a year and wait for the bacteria in the clay to begin the fermentation process.
The resulting clay is put into a room and left to settle.
Some potters use clay that has been left to sit for up to twenty years.

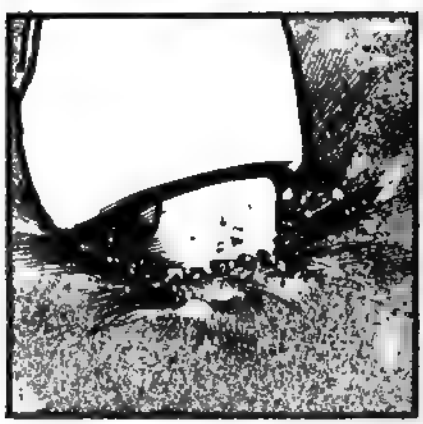
So you're a potter?
I see, that's very interesting.
I made this particular clay in China.

Go ahead.
Since it might be carrying pathogens.
I'm going to have to get it analyzed. Please understand this is just standard procedure.

VEEEWN







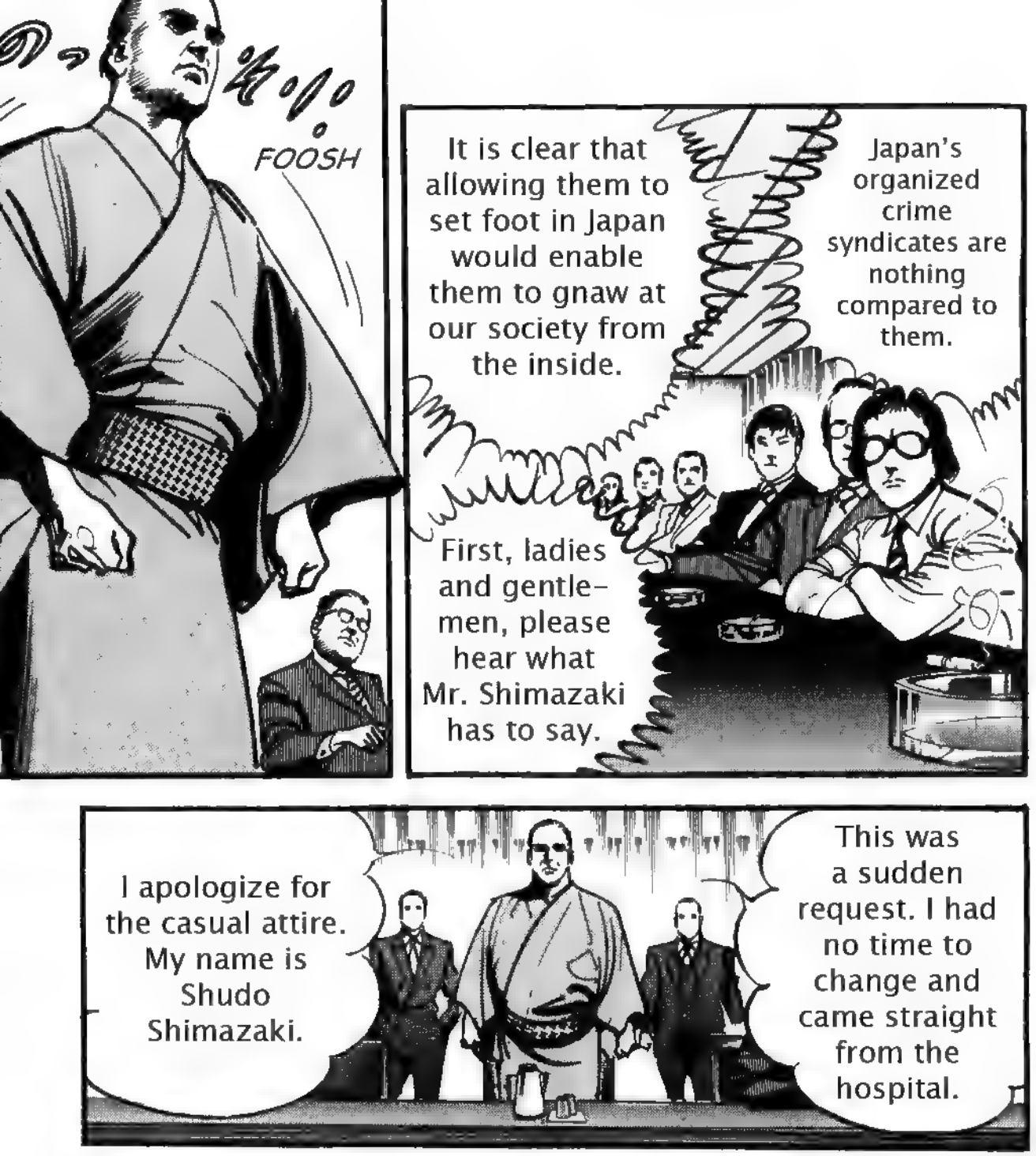
CHIK

...you attach a plastic bomb to the gun you used and blow it up.
I heard that every time you kill someone...
VREE
Does that mean you came to Japan to kill two people?
You have two Chief's Specials with you.
WOOSH
You talk too much, Mr. Ko.

Metropolitan Police Department

Well if it isn't Shima-zaki!
Doog !
No way.
The head of a major crime syndicate, at the investigation conference?
But why?
It's Shudo Shima-zaki.
CHATTER
CHATTER
This is because the issues at hand are far too complex, and our enemy far too powerful.
We will now begin the investigation conference. You have not yet been informed of what will be discussed today.

So we've asked Mr. Shudo Shimazaki to join us.
Unfortunately, we have no data or information concerning them.
We are holding this conference to discuss the Chinese Mafia.
That's how troubling the Chinese Mafia is.
We may be criticized for bringing a mobster to the table...
As you all know, Mr. Shimazaki is the head of a major crime syndicate, the Hakushinkai.
...but I'm at a point where I can no longer concern myself with appearances.


FOOSH
It is clear that allowing them to set foot in Japan would enable them to gnaw at our society from the inside.
Japan's organized crime syndicates are nothing compared to them.
First, ladies and gentlemen, please hear what Mr. Shimazaki has to say.
I apologize for the casual attire. My name is Shudo Shimazaki.
This was a sudden request. I had no time to change and came straight from the hospital.
But every one of them is forbidden to deal in narcotics.
I have 26,000 yakuza under my command.

HUSH
CLENCH
The Chinese Mafia is by far the most powerful drug trafficking syndicate in the world.
Narcotics turn men into lunatics. They destroy families, and even entire nations.

Are you all aware of the origin of the word "mafia"?
Morte Alla Francia, Italia Anela.
It's an acronym. It means, "Death to France is the cry of Italy."

This "Chinese Mafia," the greatest drug trafficking syndicate in the world, is known as...

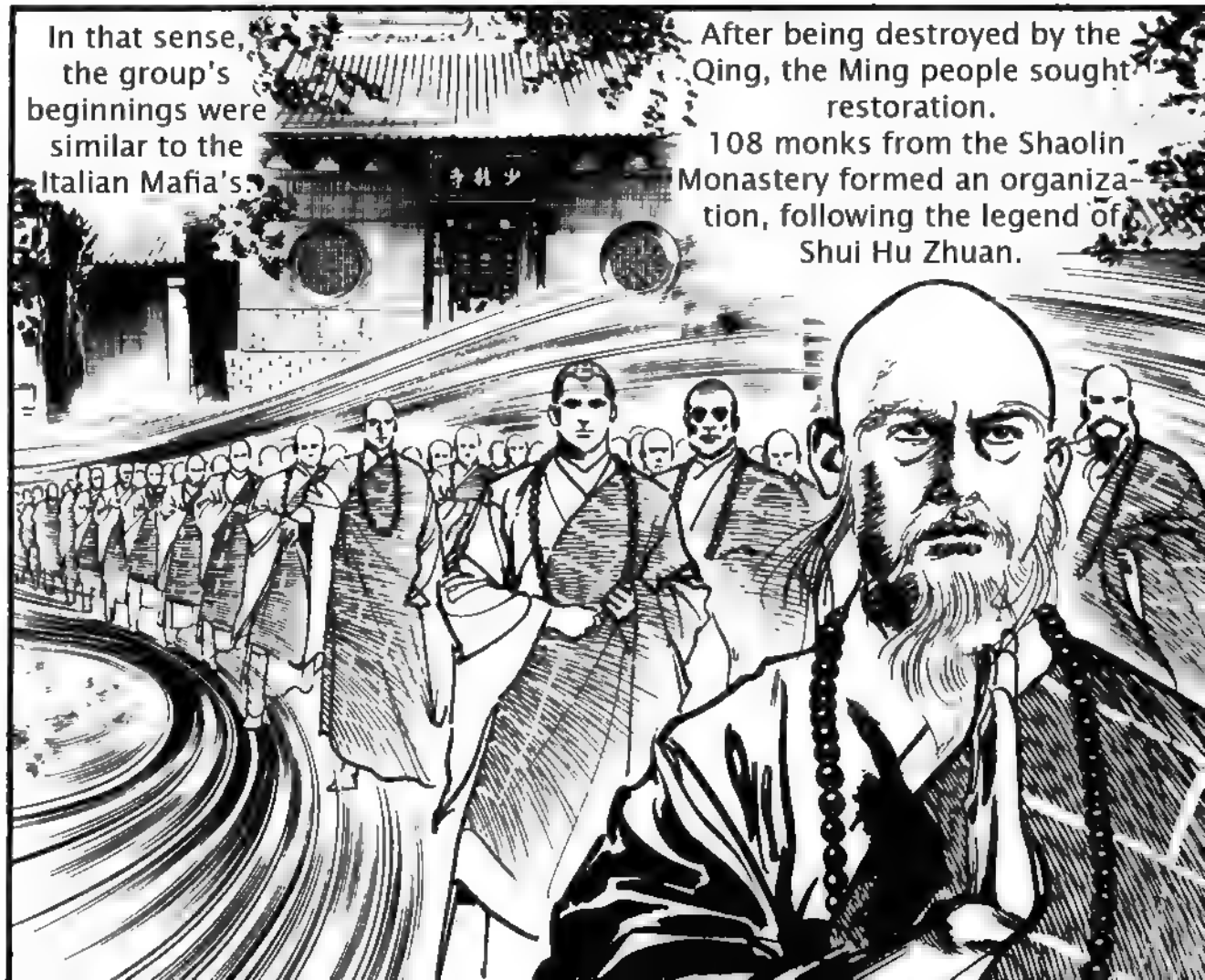
CHATTER

The Mafia was organized by Sicilians who were suffering under France's tyrannical rule.
The current Chinese Mafia has no relation to them.

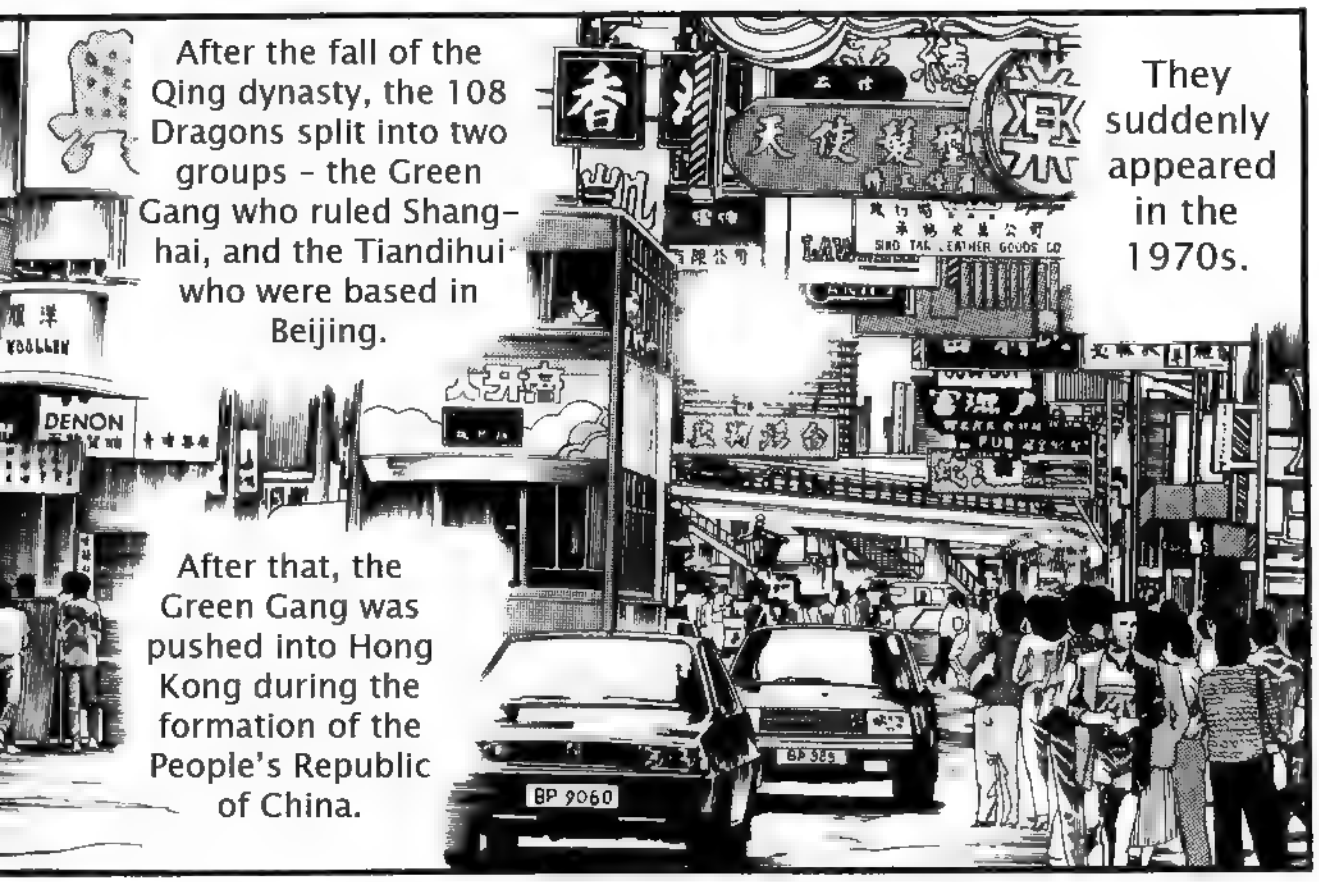
...The Society of
108 Dragons.

Also called the "108 Dragons" for short. Others call them the Year of the Dragon.
The word "dragons" refers to the people of China. However, this group has nothing to do with modern China.

We don't even know where this secret society's headquarters is. Maybe Los Angeles? New York?


In that sense, the group's beginnings were similar to the Italian Mafia's.
After being destroyed by the Qing, the Ming people sought restoration.
108 monks from the Shaolin Monastery formed an organization, following the legend of Shui Hu Zhuan.

Crying Freeman 1


After the fall of the Qing dynasty, the 108 Dragons split into two groups - the Green Gang who ruled Shanghai, and the Tiandihui who were based in Beijing.
They suddenly appeared in the 1970s.
After that, the Green Gang was pushed into Hong Kong during the formation of the People's Republic of China.
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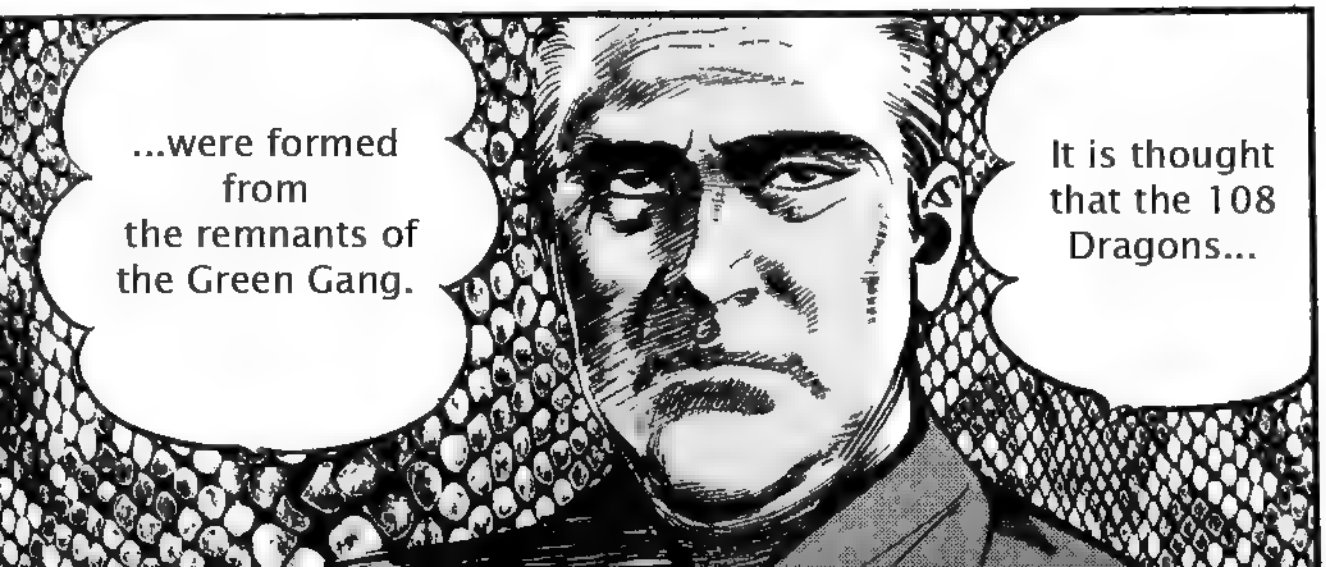

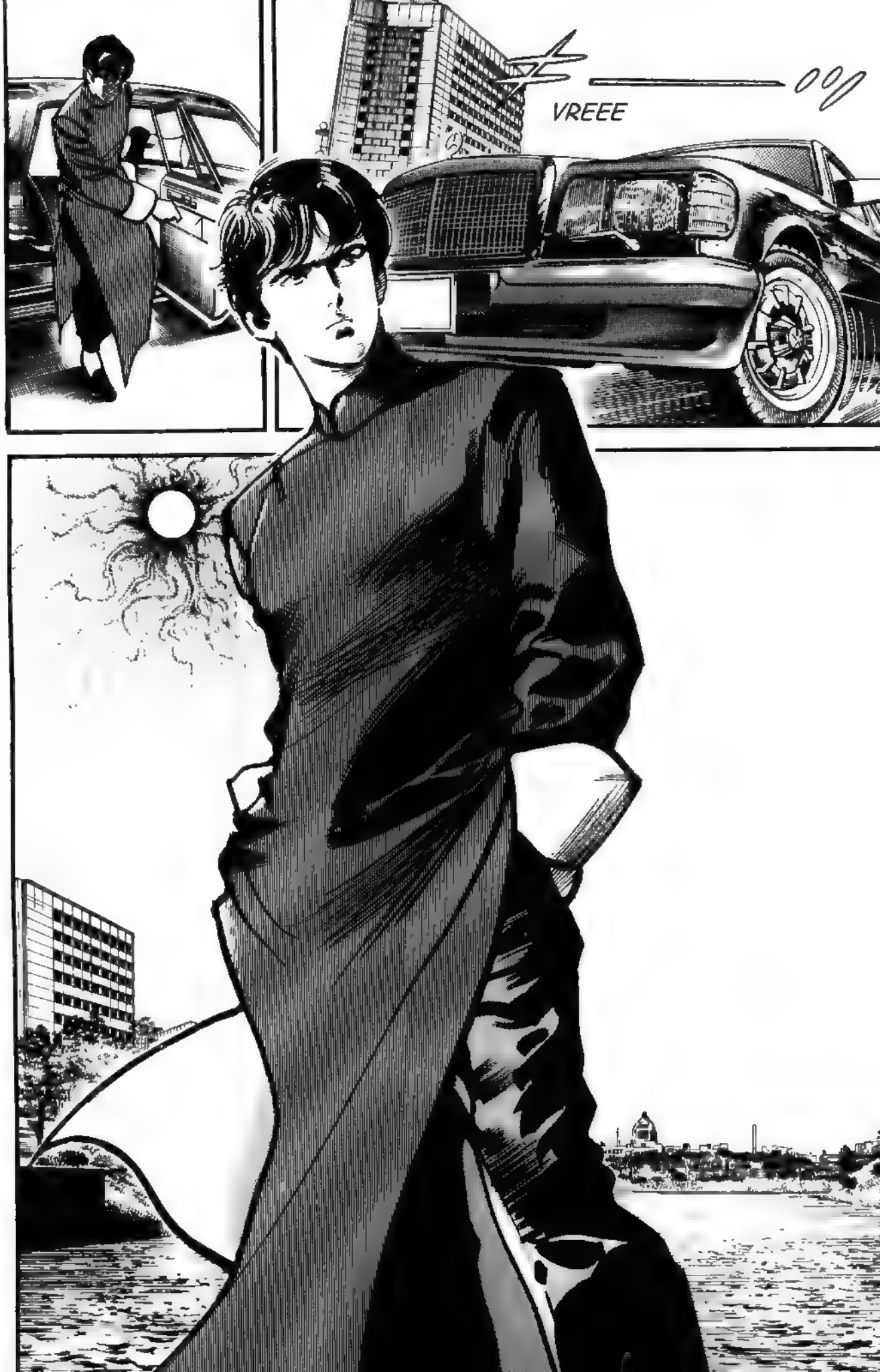
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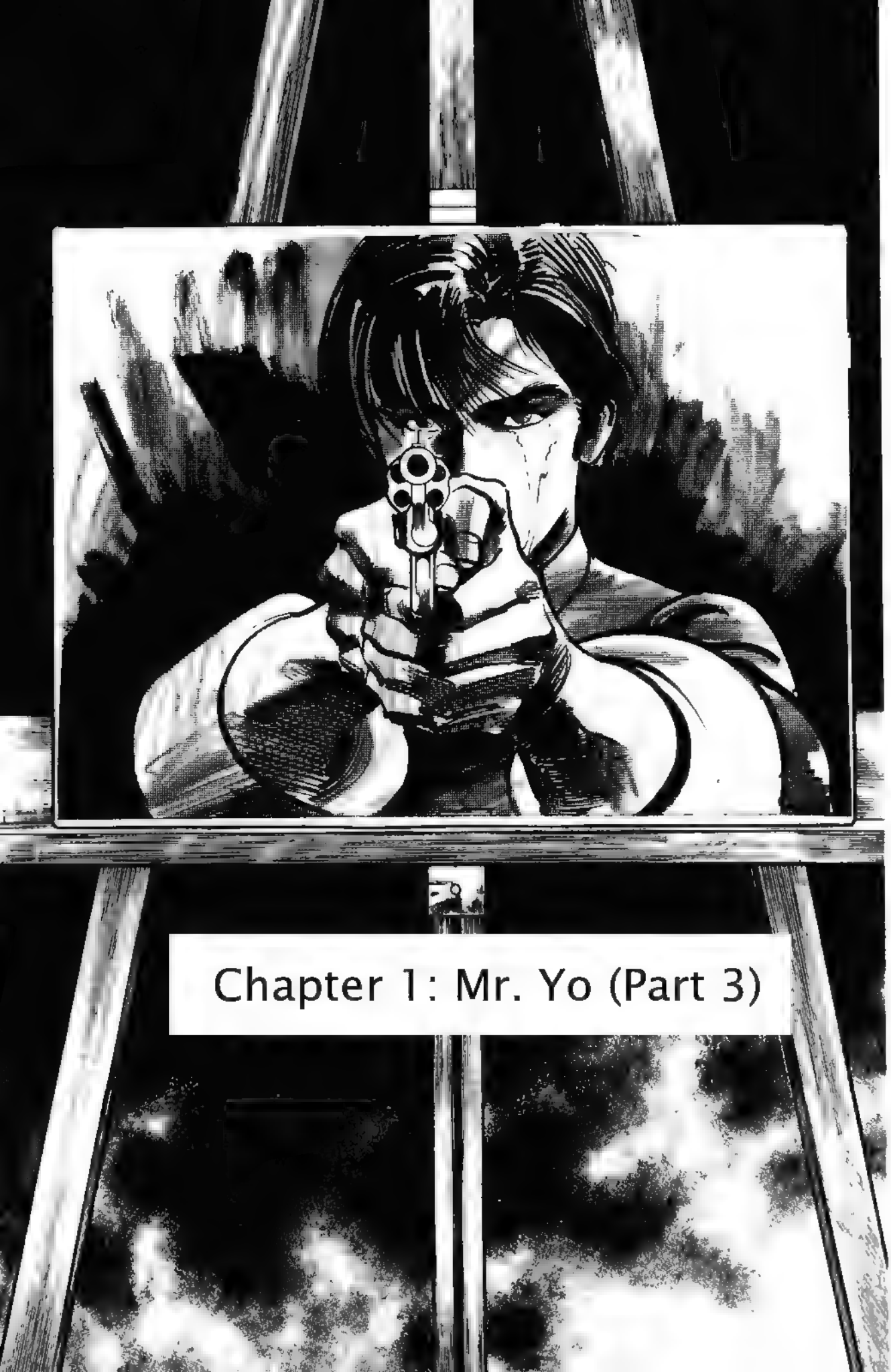

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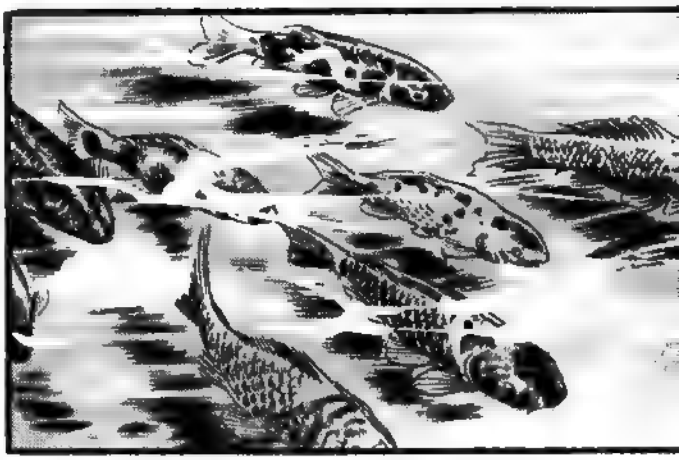


In 1975, the Italian Mafia's influence dropped significantly after years of prosperity.
They had a drug route. Opium was produced in Turkey, and then brought to Marseilles where it was processed into heroin.
The heroin would then be taken to the U.S. However, this route was abolished due to strict controls of the American DEA.
This was the end of the French Connection.

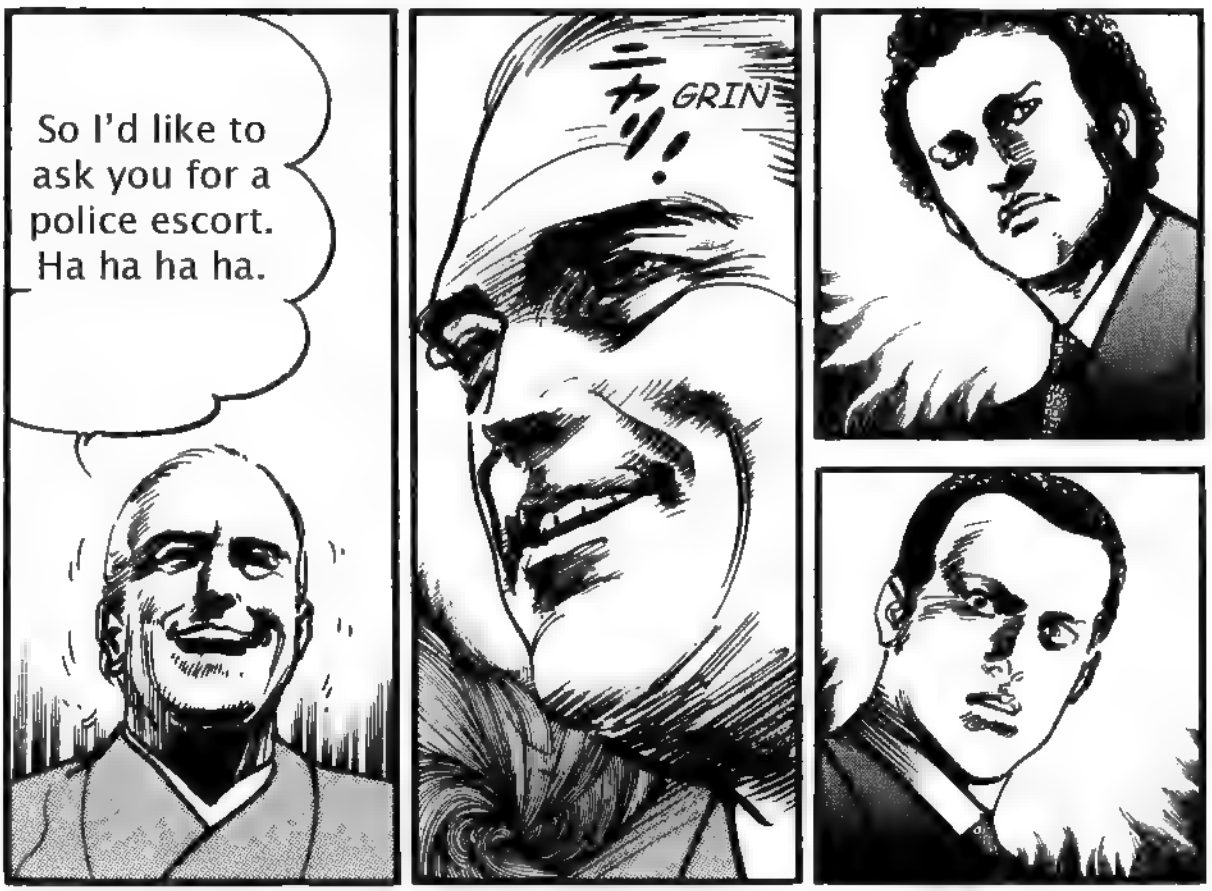
The 108 Dragons appeared in their place.
They had control of the Golden Triangle consisting of Thailand, Burma, and Laos.

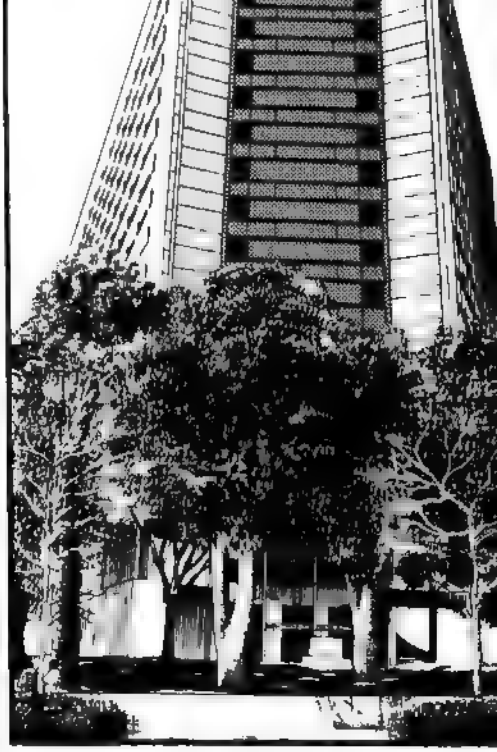
They had two routes: Hong Kong – Amsterdam – London – New York...
...and Hong Kong – Okinawa – Buenos Aires – Los Angeles. Today they have replaced the Italian Mafia.
That's why they call it the Year of the Dragon.

So you've finally worked up the nerve to have your own exhibition, Emu?
Don't you feel the same, Mitsuko?
I'm going to be thirty in a year. I want to do something that'll mark the end of my twenties.

But as long as our organization refuses to deal drugs, there is nothing they can do.
And to all the police officers in attendance: Even people like myself have a role to play in Japanese society.
There is no doubt that the 108 Dragons are stretching their tentacles in Japan's direction.
As long as we don't deal in drugs, nor can any other organization.
To establish themselves in Japan, the 108 Dragons want me out of the picture.

I've been informed that this man is now in Japan.
He goes by the nick-name of "Freeman," and he is feared by all.
Amongst the 108 Dragons' hitmen, there is said to be one particularly fierce killer.


So I'd like to ask you for a police escort. Ha ha ha ha.
GRIN



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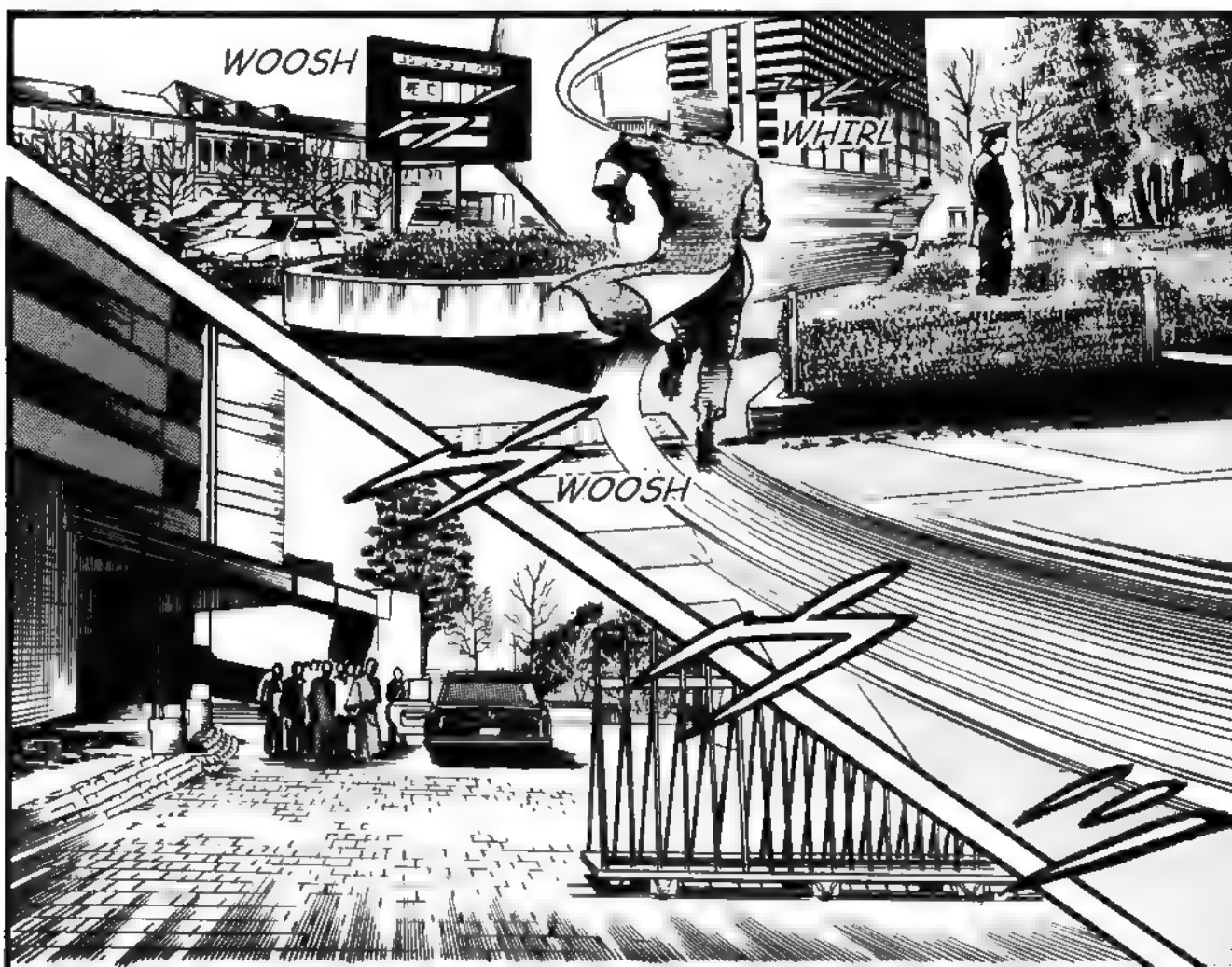
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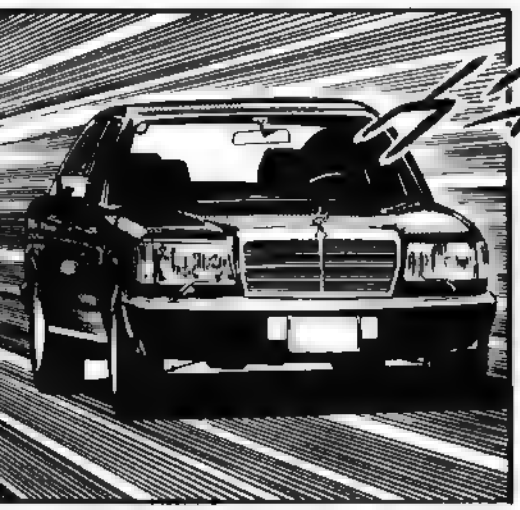

VEEER

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SWF
SWF
WOAH
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BANG
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SMITH & WESSON

BANG

VEEER

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PANT
PANT
! PANT

DASH

HM!?

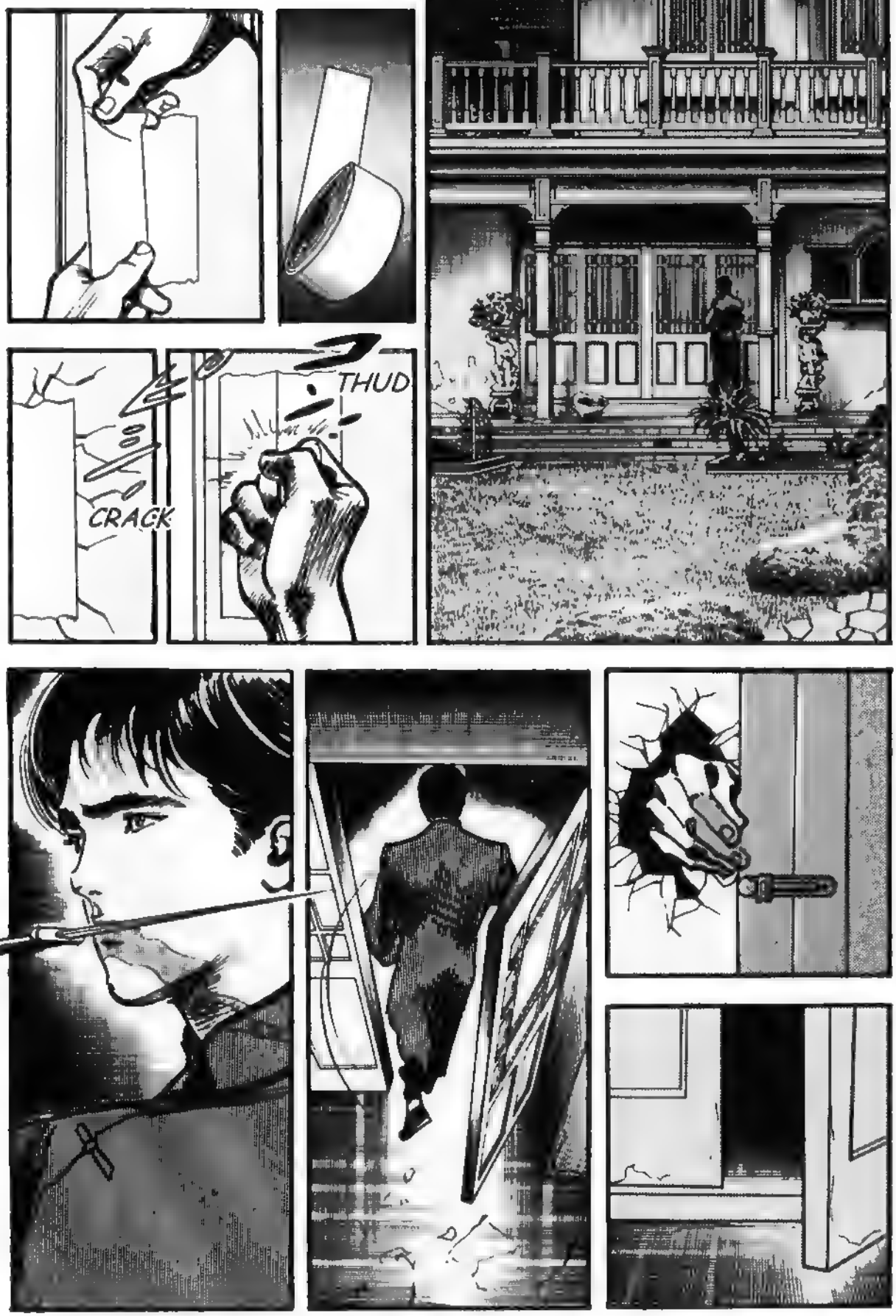
Mr. Yo.

Chapter 1: Mr. Yo (Part 4)

正好等了30分钟
(I will wait for exactly thirty minutes. No more, no less.)

夜晚的声响传到派出所。日本的警察迅速开始搜查。
(A sound in the night will reach the police kiosk. Japanese police are quick to respond.)
用刀。
(Use the knife.)

SWAN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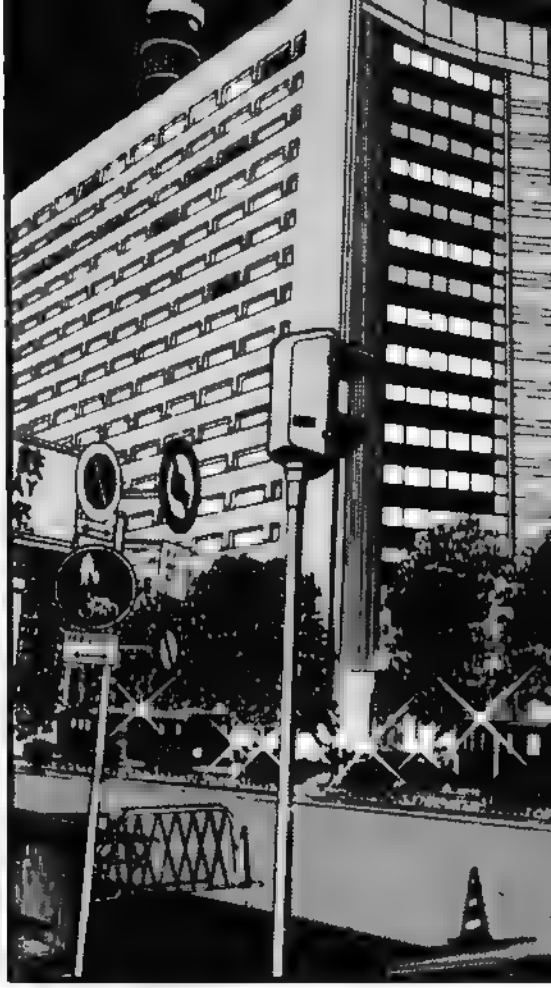
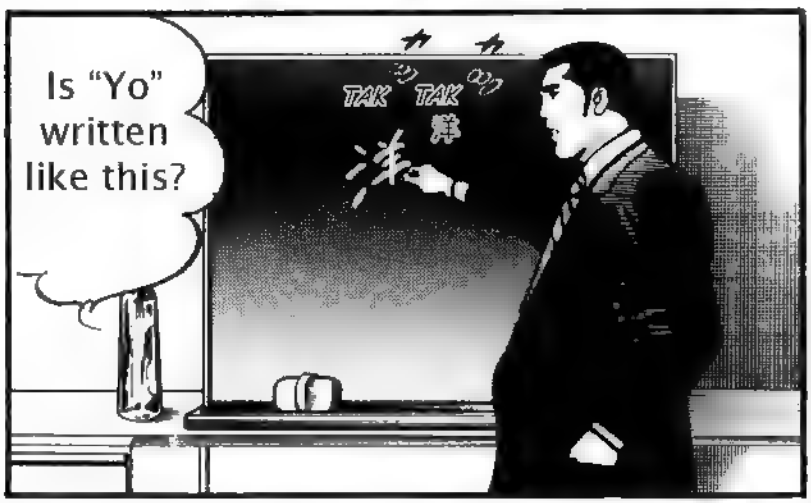
THUD



BOOO
HEEEY

You referred to the strange masked man who shot Shudo Shimazaki as "Yo" as you saw him off.
"Mr. Yo," right?


Is "Yo" written like this?
TAK TAK

How many times are you going to ask me the same question?
I've already said I don't remember saying any such thing.

What about this?
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Or like this?
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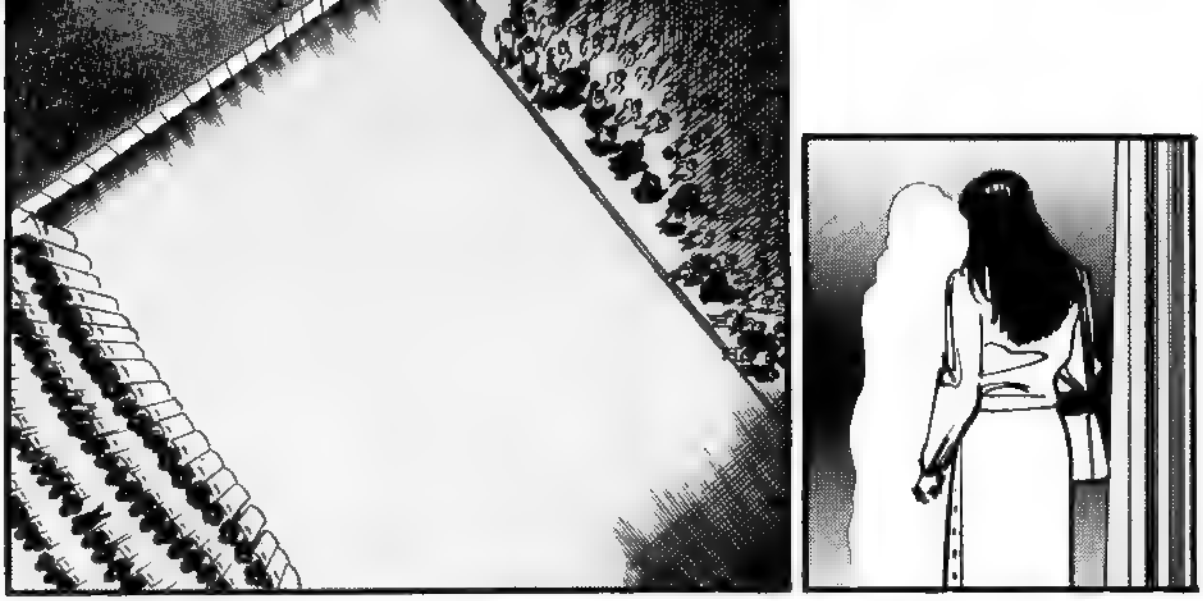
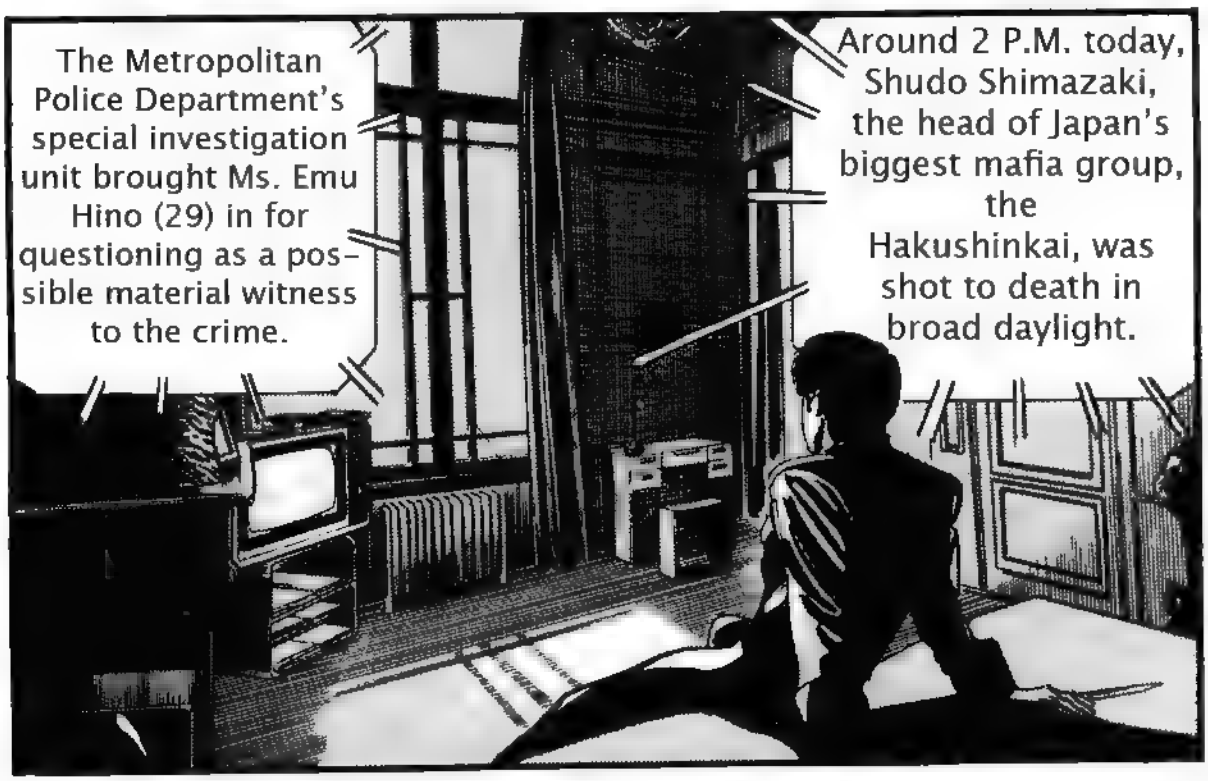

Very well. We aren't detaining you. You are free to leave at any time.
If you want to keep me in custody for any longer, please go through the required legal process.
Perhaps.
You are the sole witness of the murder of a mafia boss.
Telling them there's only one witness who may know the killer.
Those scary people want to take me away, don't they?
I can't go home with all those scary people out there. Why did you make a public announcement about me?

If you tell me, I won't let those people take you away. We'll put you in witness protection.
CHIK
Won't you talk to me? Who is this Mr. Yo?
...
I'm going home.
The police and their dirty tricks.
Protect her, and take her home!
TAK
TAK

ROAR
CLASH
Tell us what happened, miss!
Who's Mr. Yo!?
RUMBLE

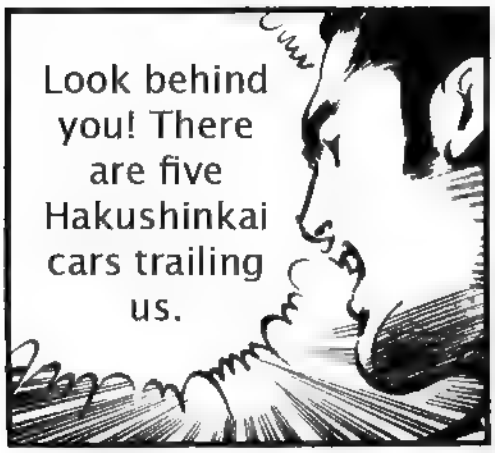
Let's take that girl and get it out of her.
CLASH
TV
CLASH
Tell us, woman! Who killed our boss?


The Metropolitan Police Department's special investigation unit brought Ms. Emu Hino (29) in for questioning as a possible material witness to the crime.
Around 2 P.M. today, Shudo Shimazaki, the head of Japan's biggest mafia group, the Hakushinkai, was shot to death in broad daylight.

She insisted that she has no relationship with the suspect, and refused further inquiry.
Ms. Hino responded that she knew nothing and heard nothing.

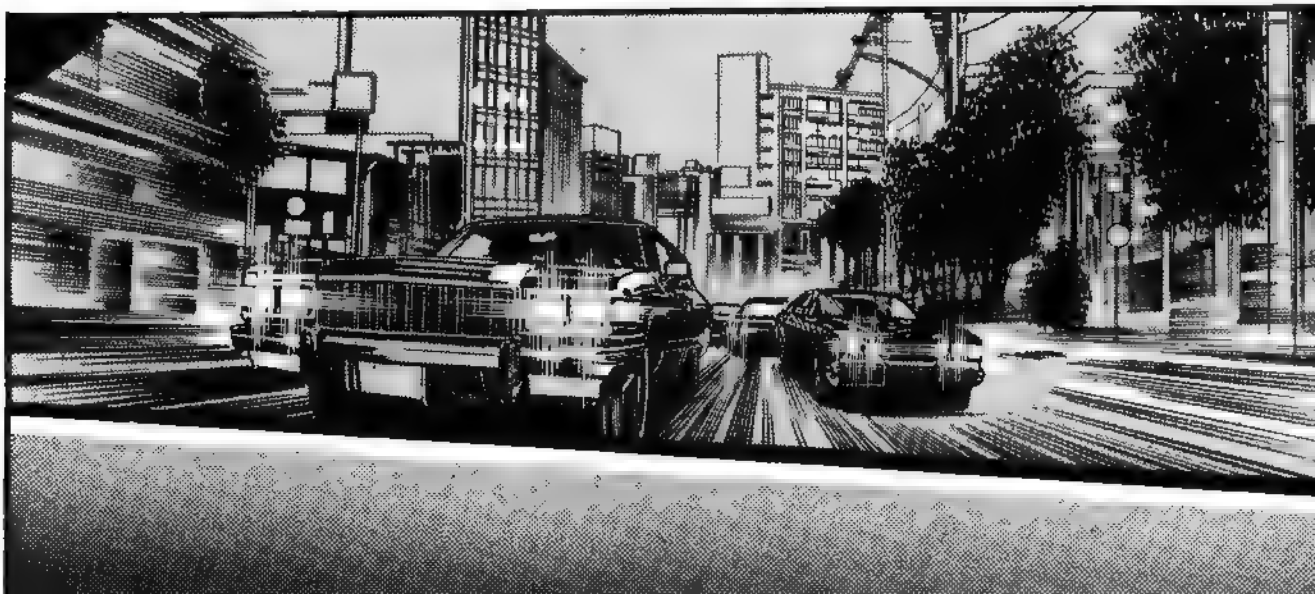
FIDDLE
Smells nice... Is this what she smells like?

So who is Yo, anyway?

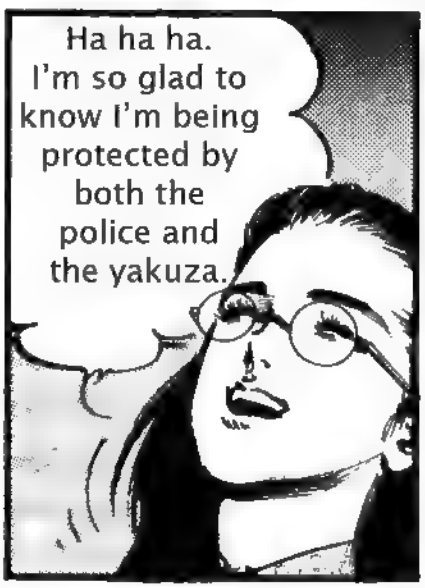

Look behind you! There are five Hakushinkai cars trailing us.

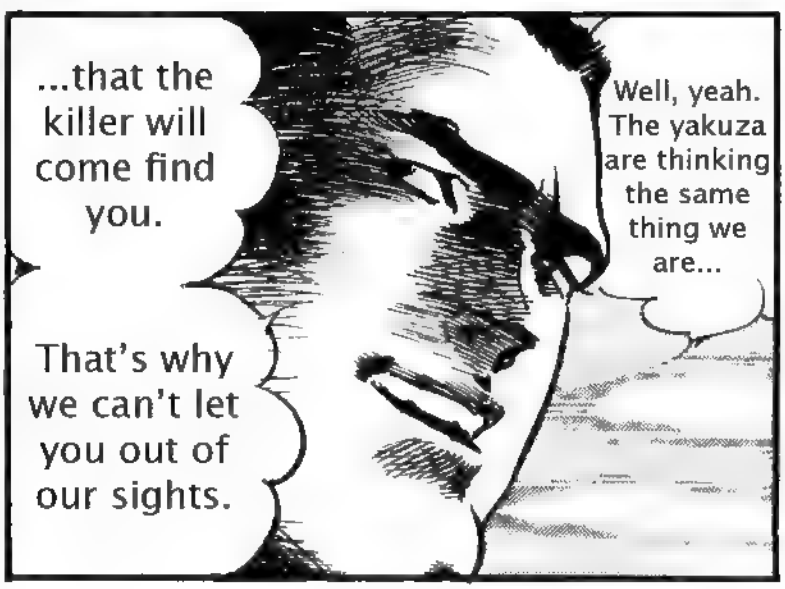
Please coo-perate with us.

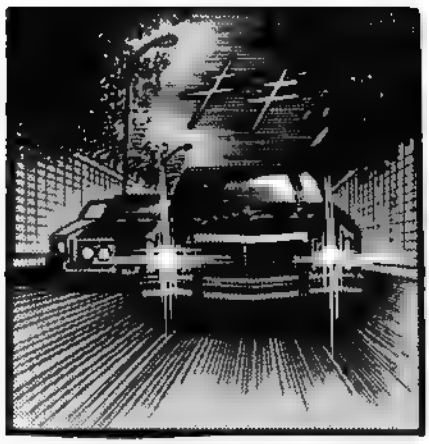
HMPH



You knew that, and yet you released my name to the public?
This Mr. Yo might be after you now, too.
Plus, you have one other problem.


Ha ha ha. I'm so glad to know I'm being protected by both the police and the yakuza.

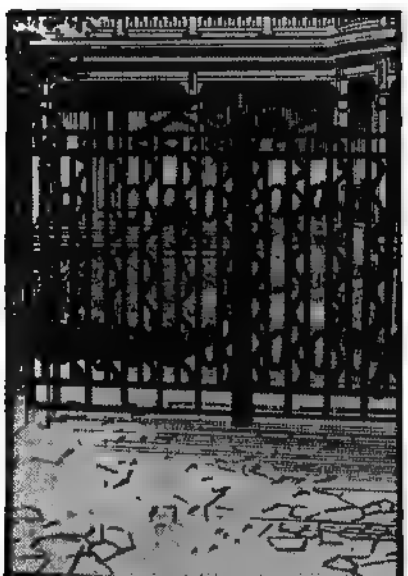

...that the killer will come find you.
That's why we can't let you out of our sights.
Well, yeah. The yakuza are thinking the same thing we are...

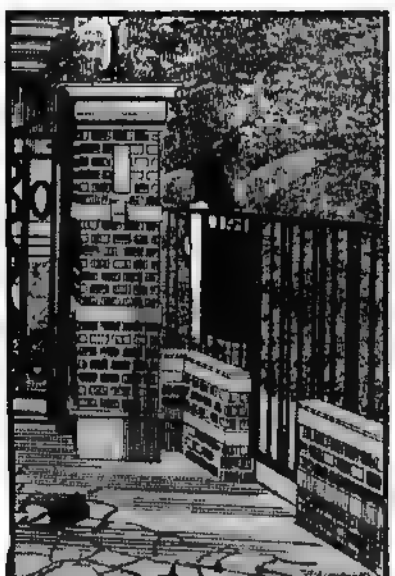


Take this with you, then.

But if you want to step inside my house, I'm going to need to see a warrant first.

HMPH
If something happens, press the button in the middle to contact us.





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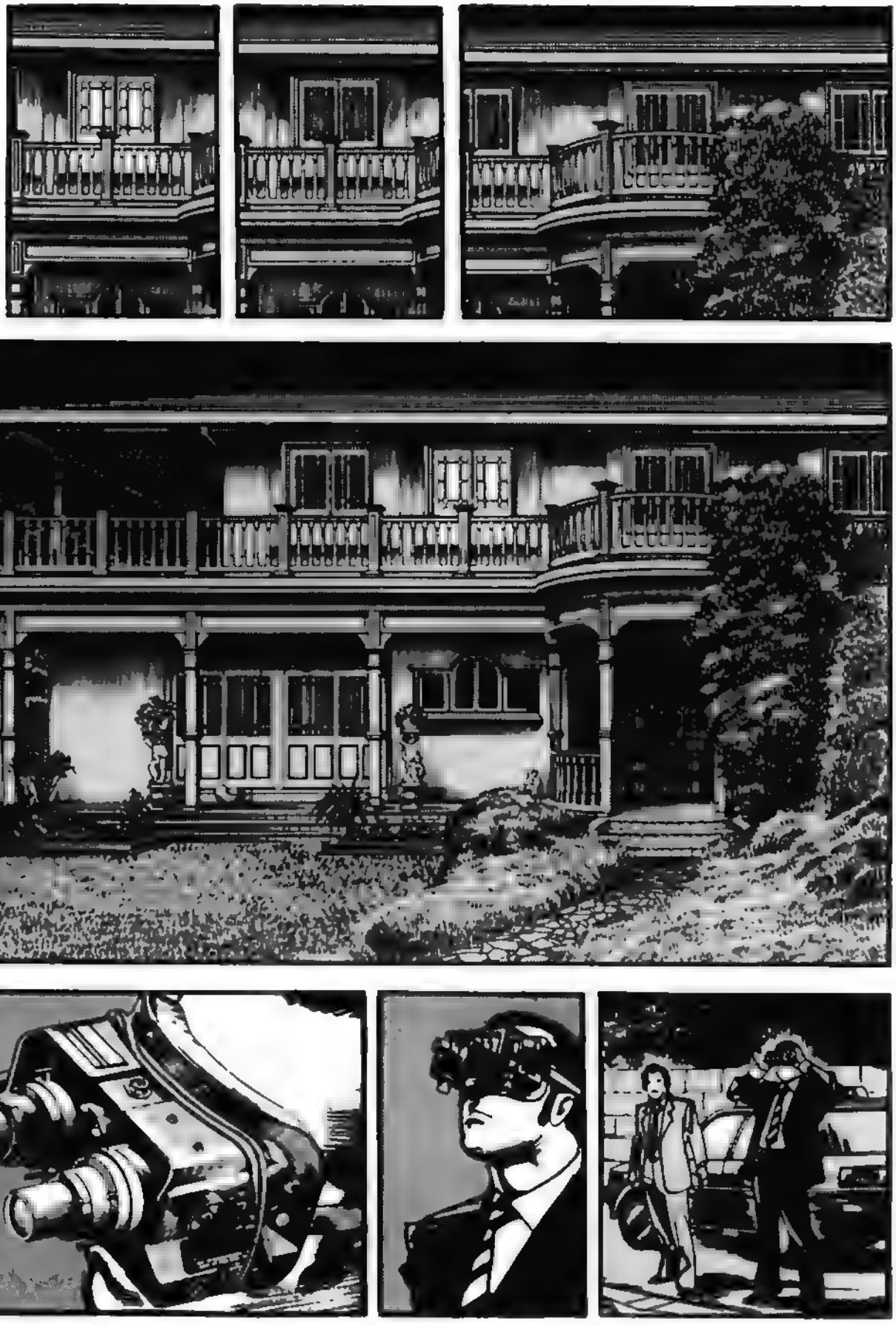
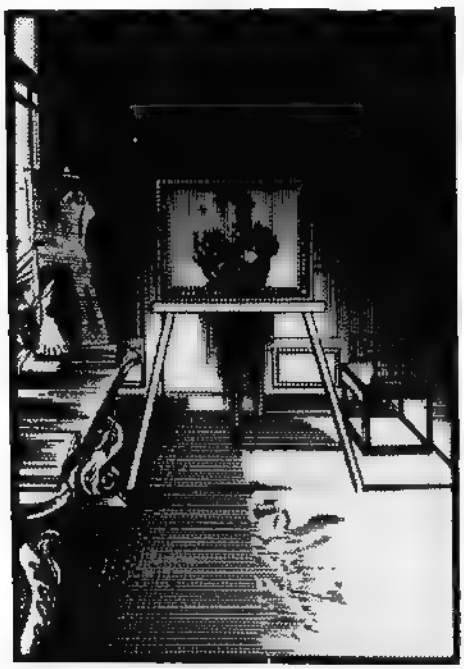
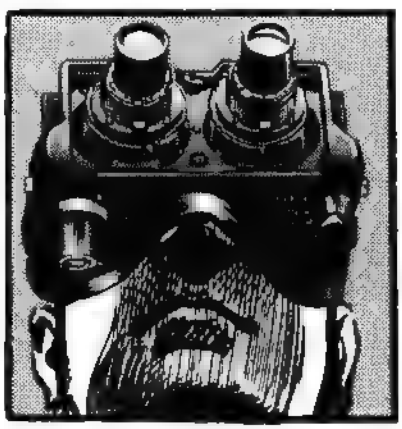
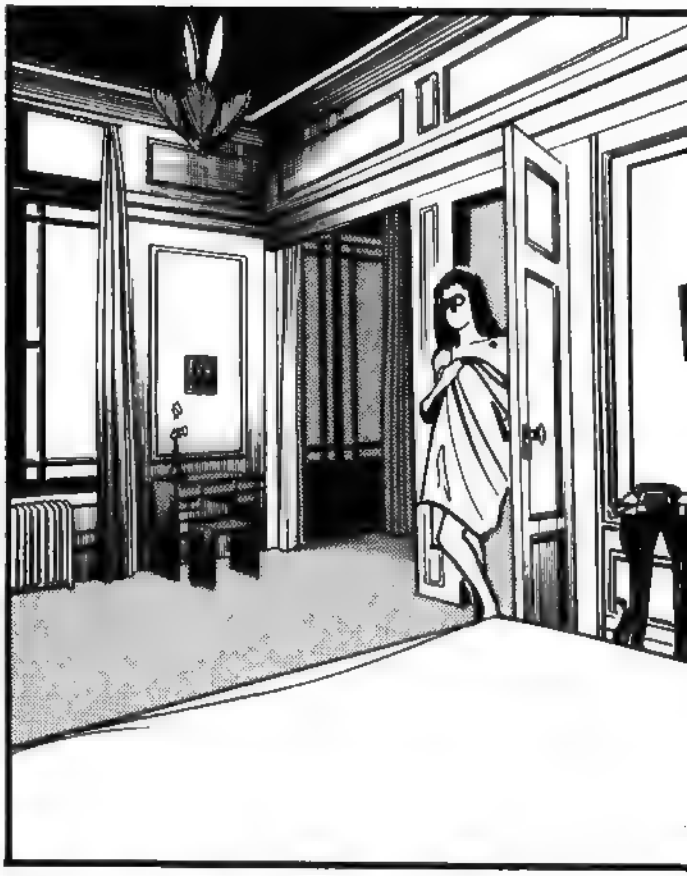


SSSHHH



Uh huh.
It should be all right. I mean, there is a chance the hitman's hiding in there.





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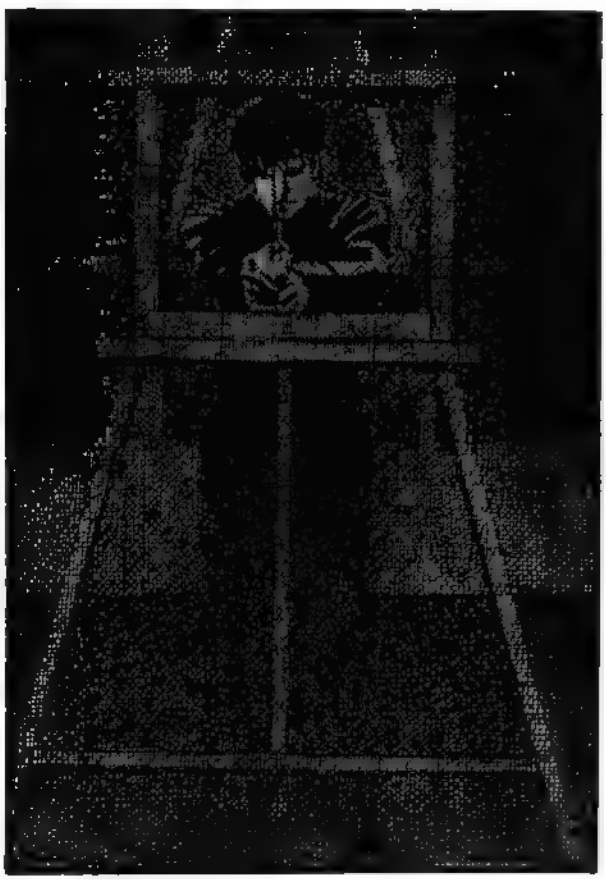
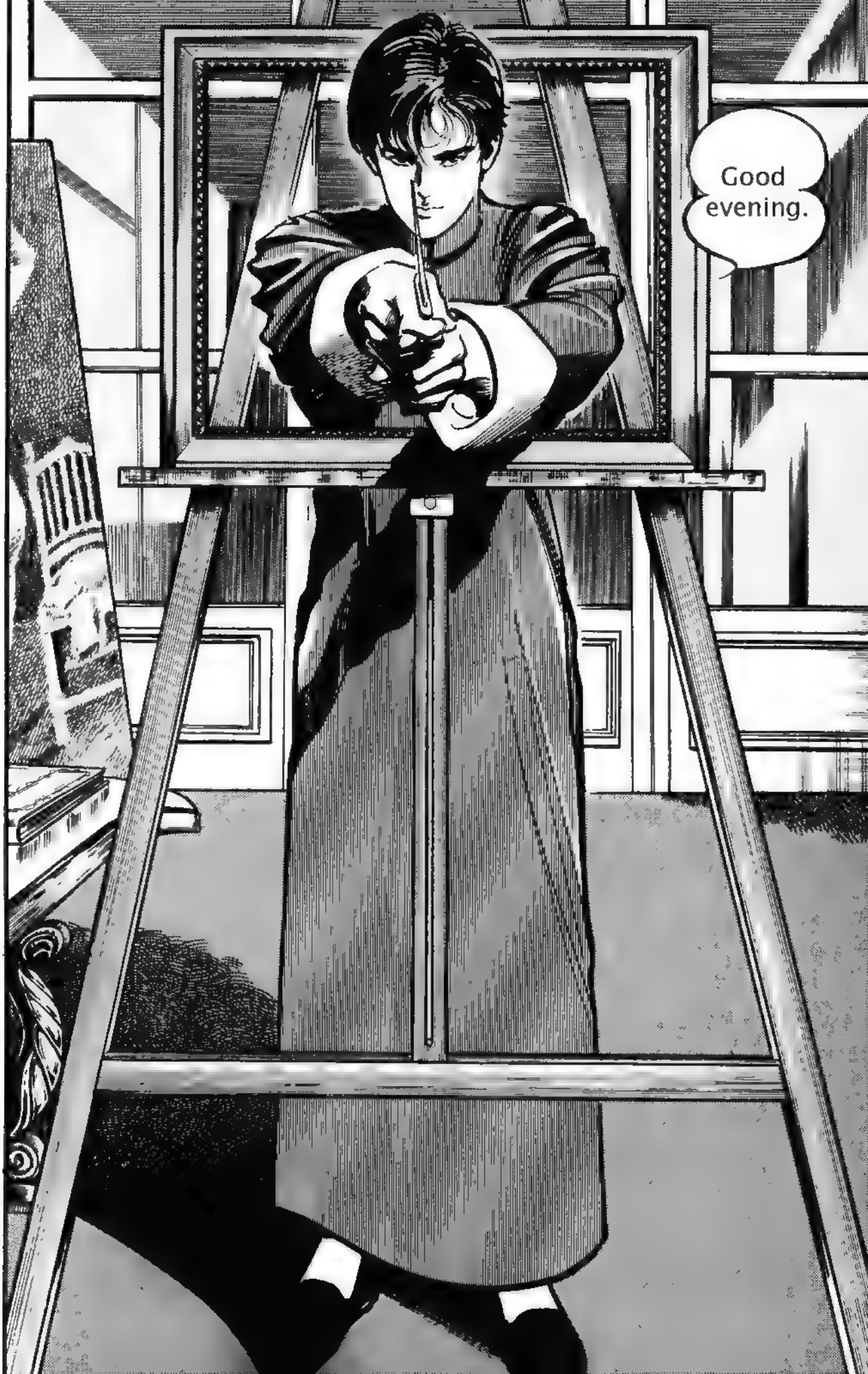
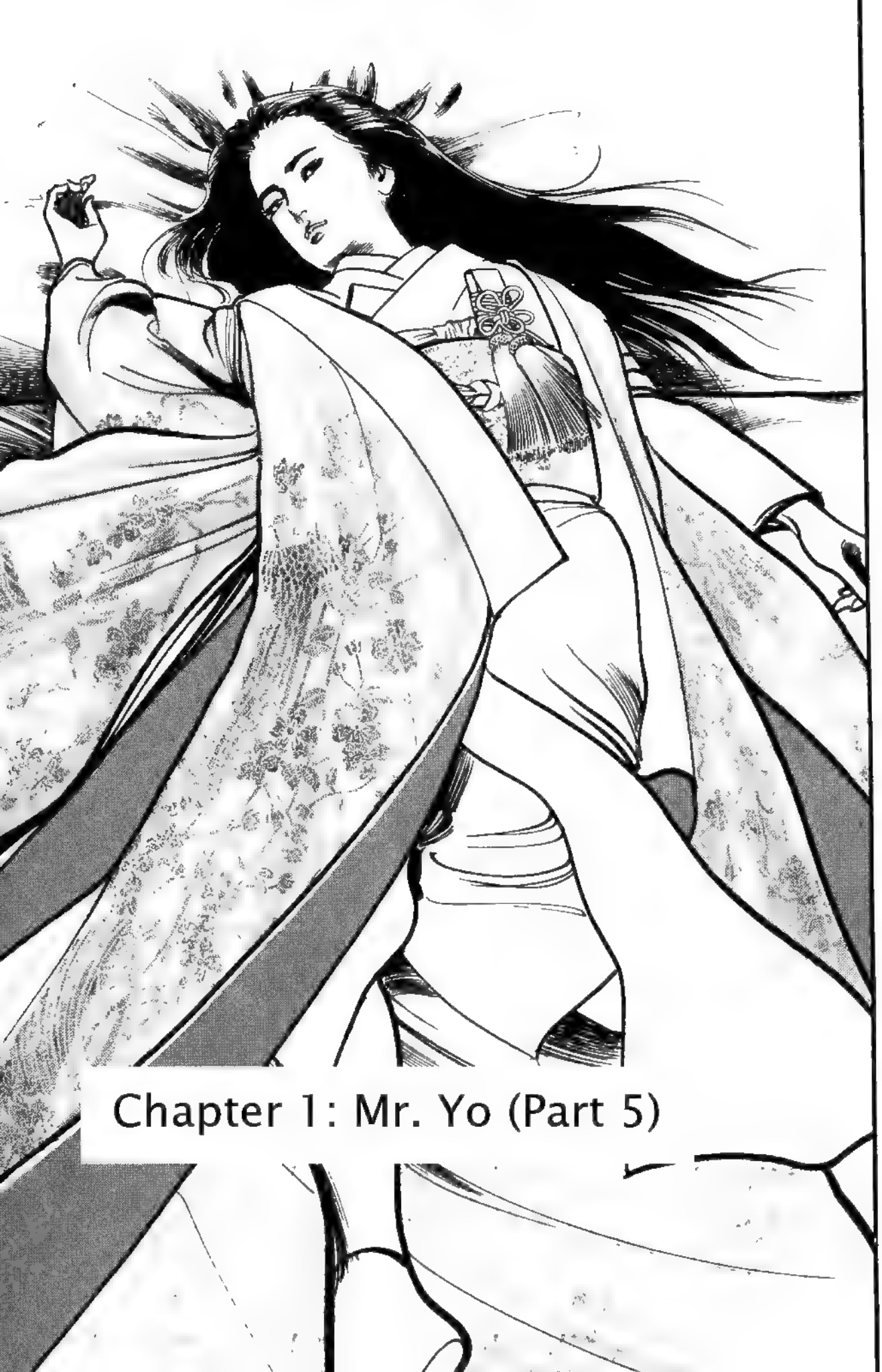


CHIK

GASP!


Good evening.



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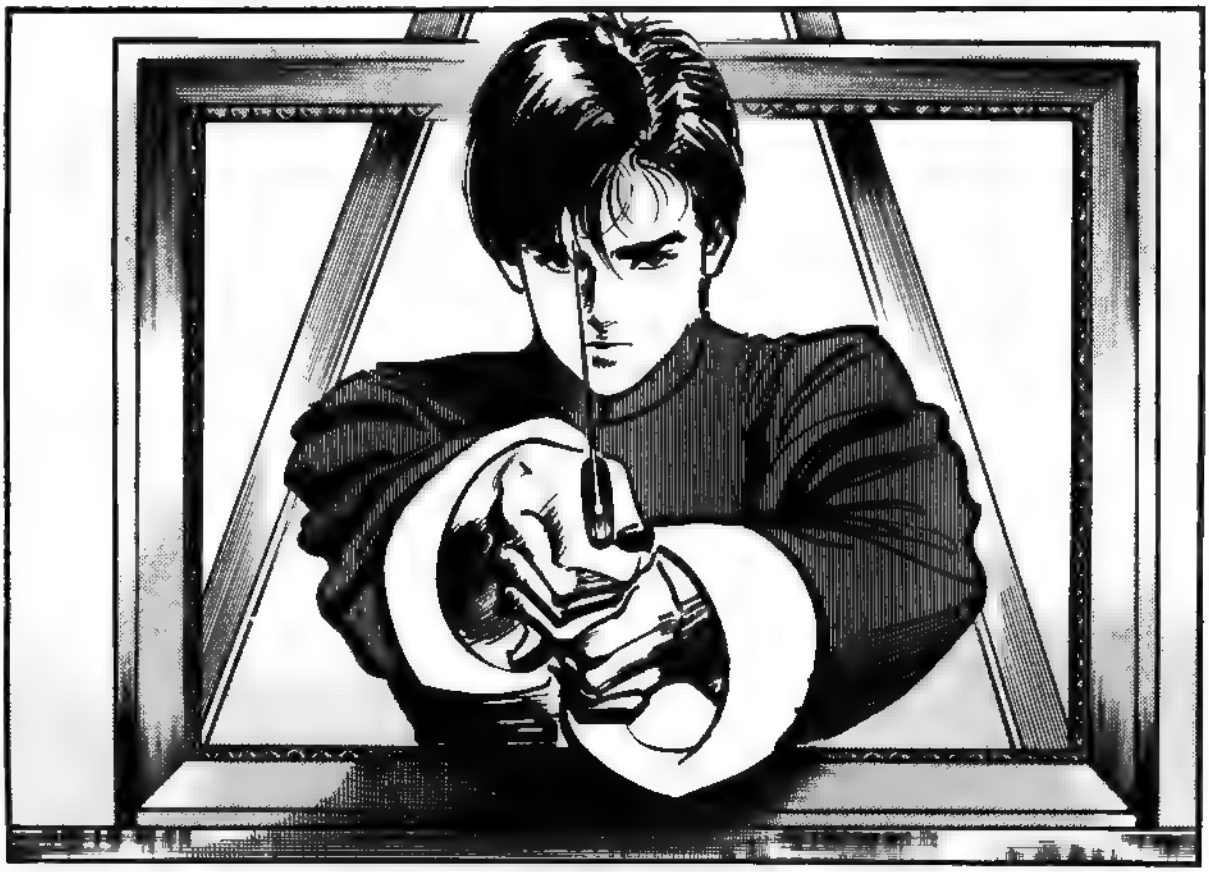
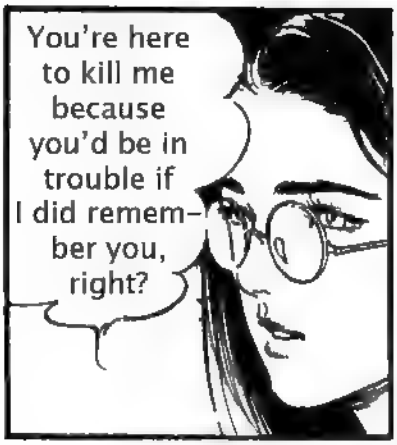
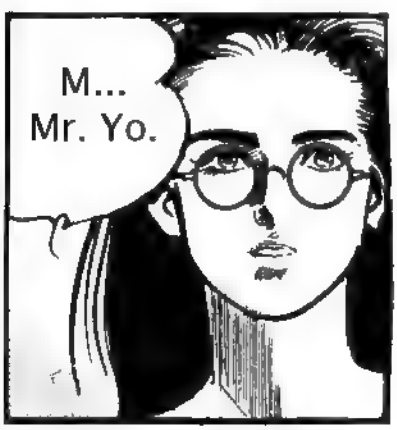
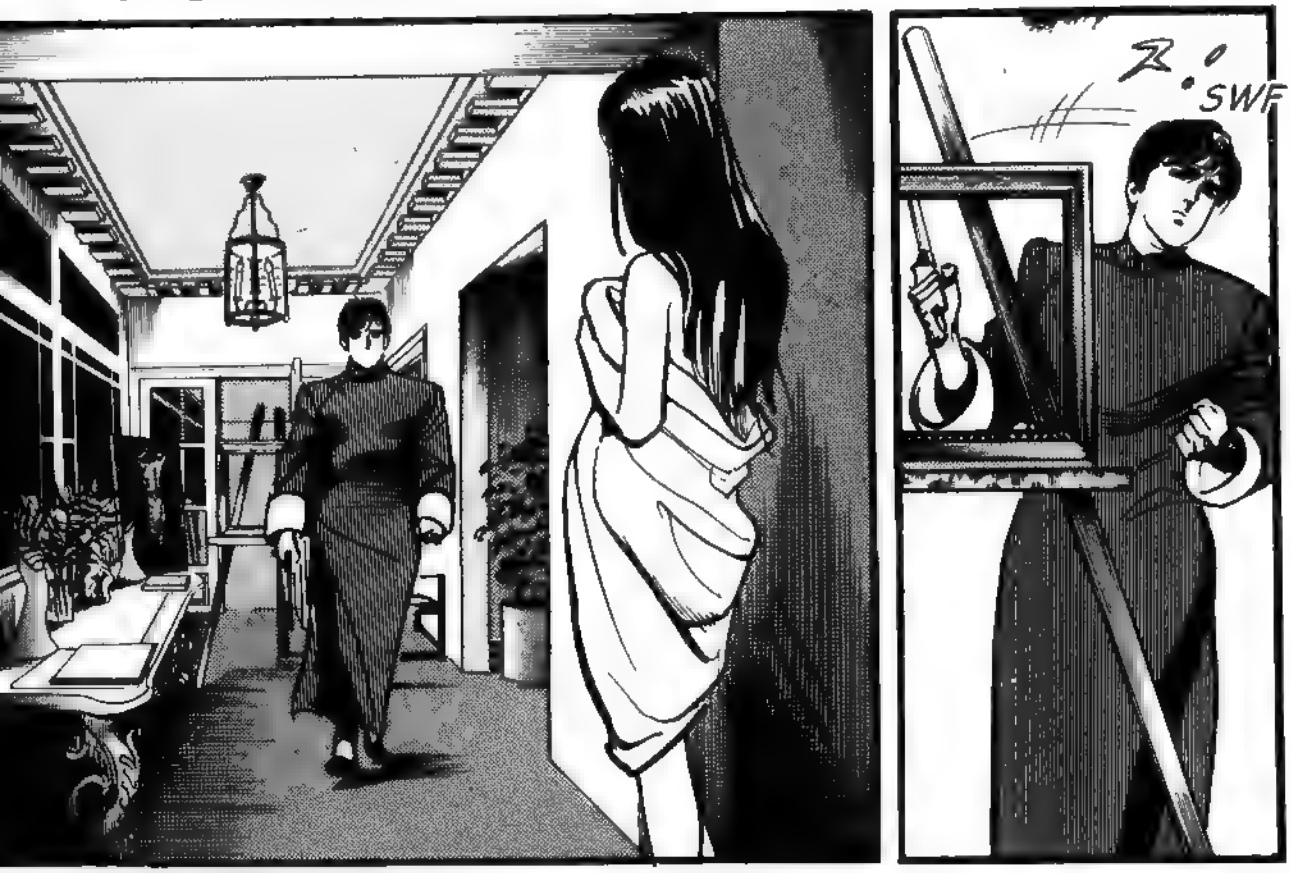



You're here to kill me because you'd be in trouble if I did remember you, right?

So you do remember me.

That's right.

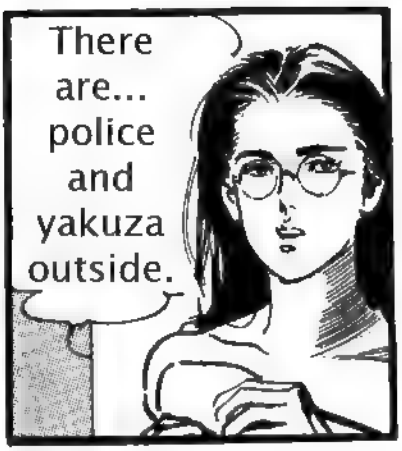

M... Mr. Yo.



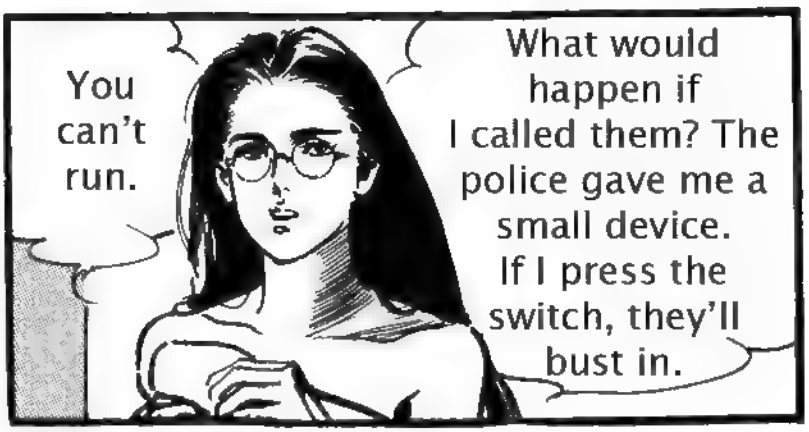
R.O
SWF

You're a confi-dent man.

I know.


There are... police and yakuza outside.

What will you do?


You can't run.
What would happen if I called them? The police gave me a small device. If I press the switch, they'll bust in.

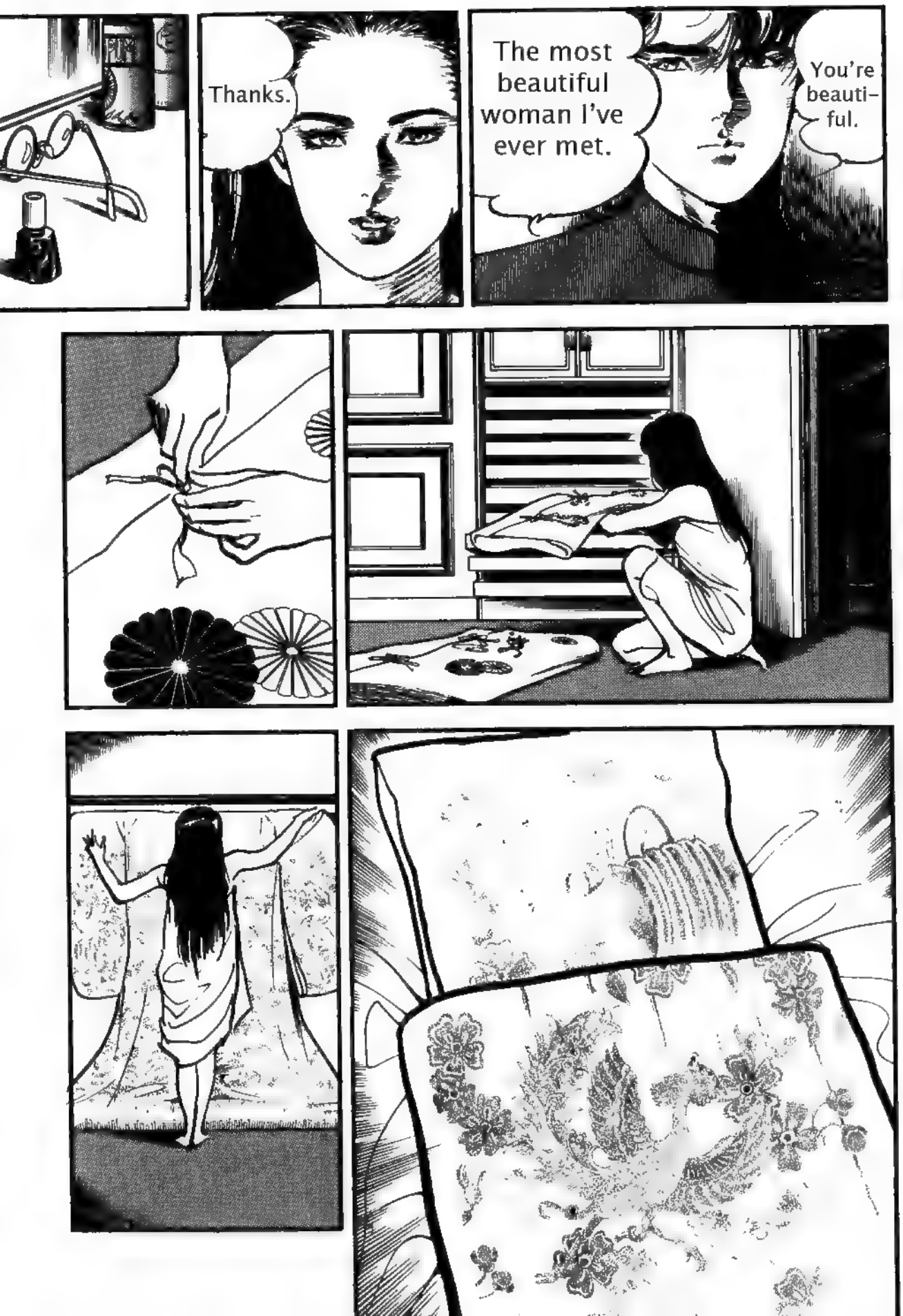
I'm going to die.

SHAW
SHING

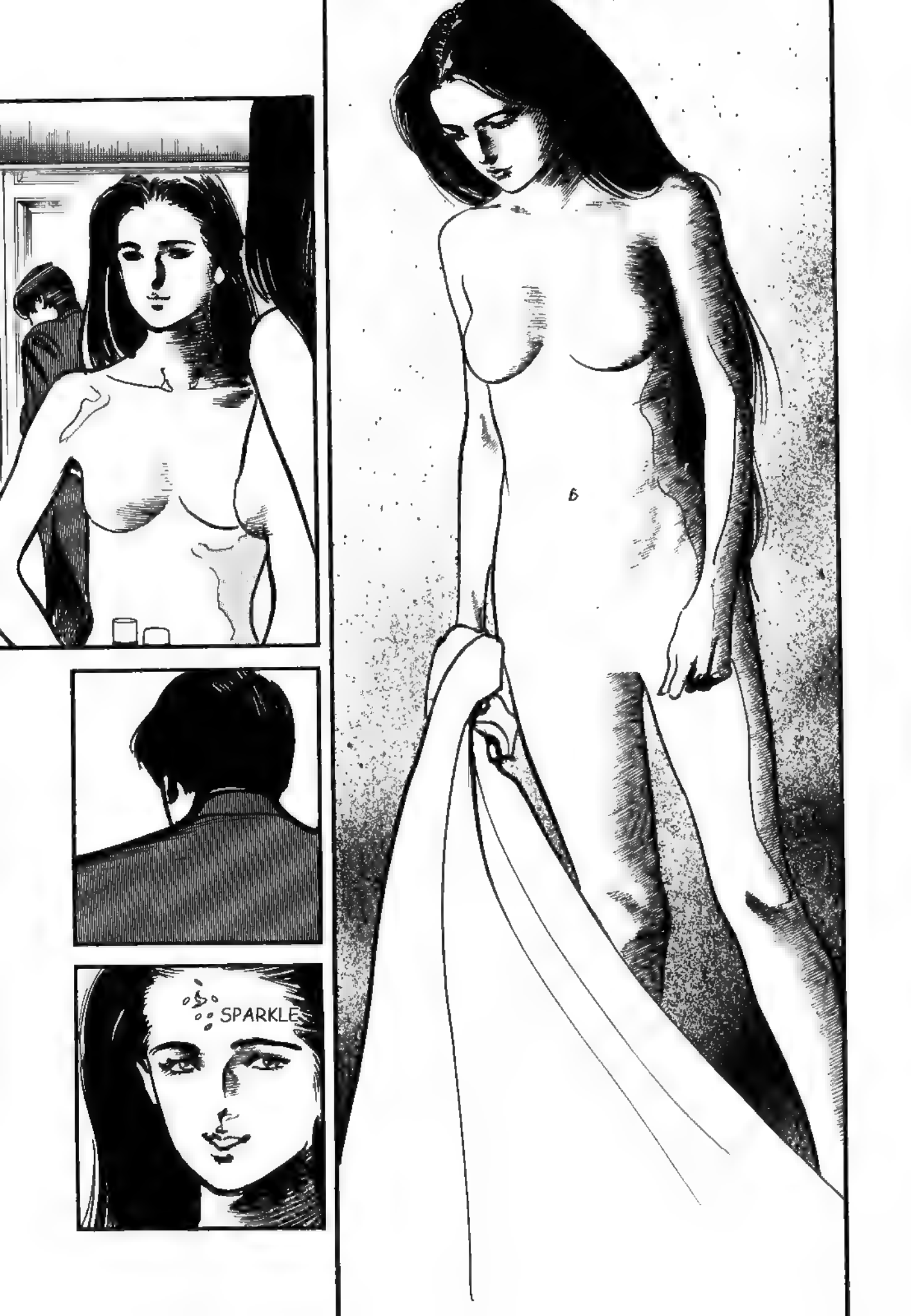
Before you kill me, will you hear my request?

Sure.

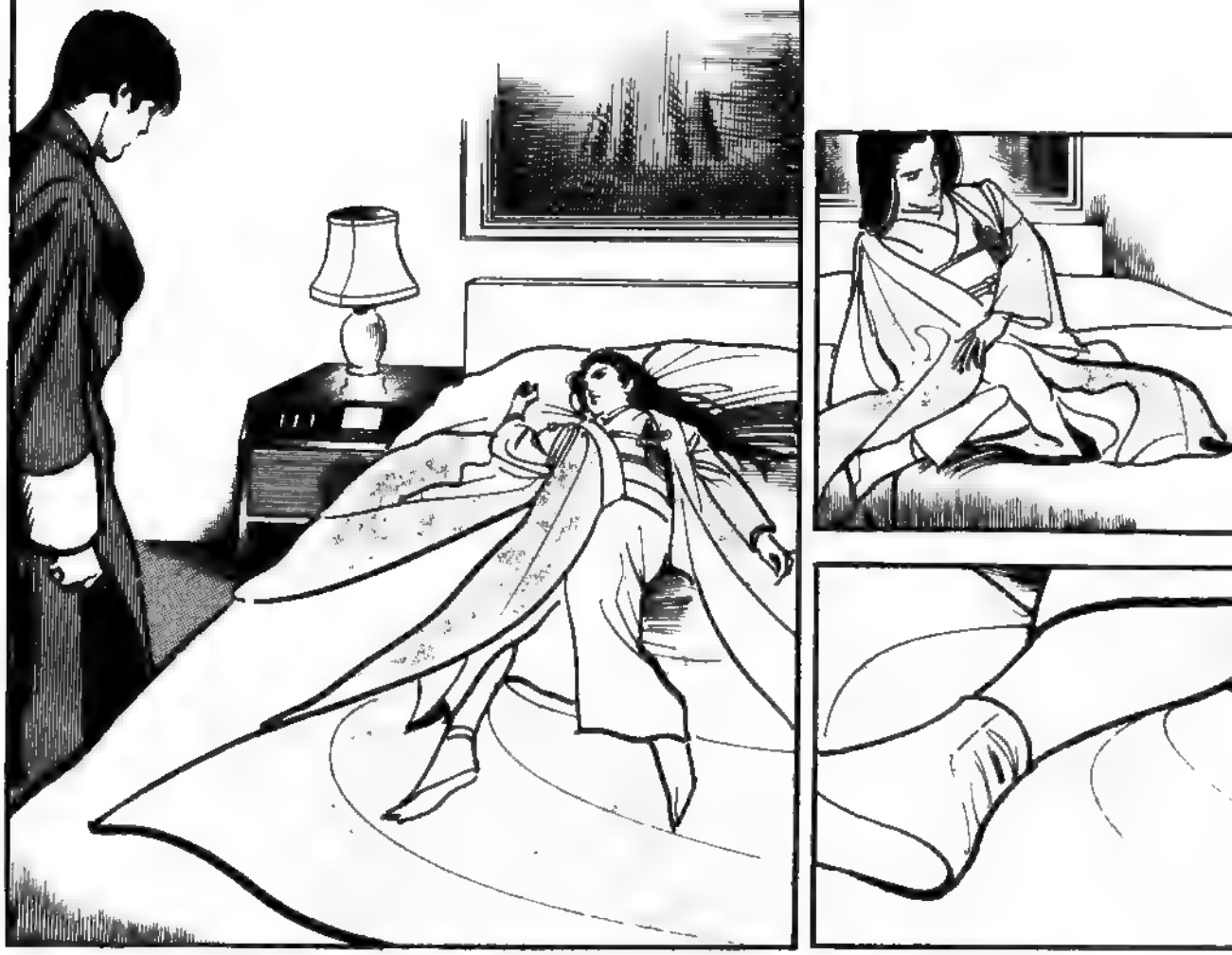
Go ahead.
May I watch?


Thanks.
The most beautiful woman I've ever met.
You're beauti-ful.

It's wonderful.
Before he died, my father gave me this dress so I could wear it to my wedding someday.


SPARKLE

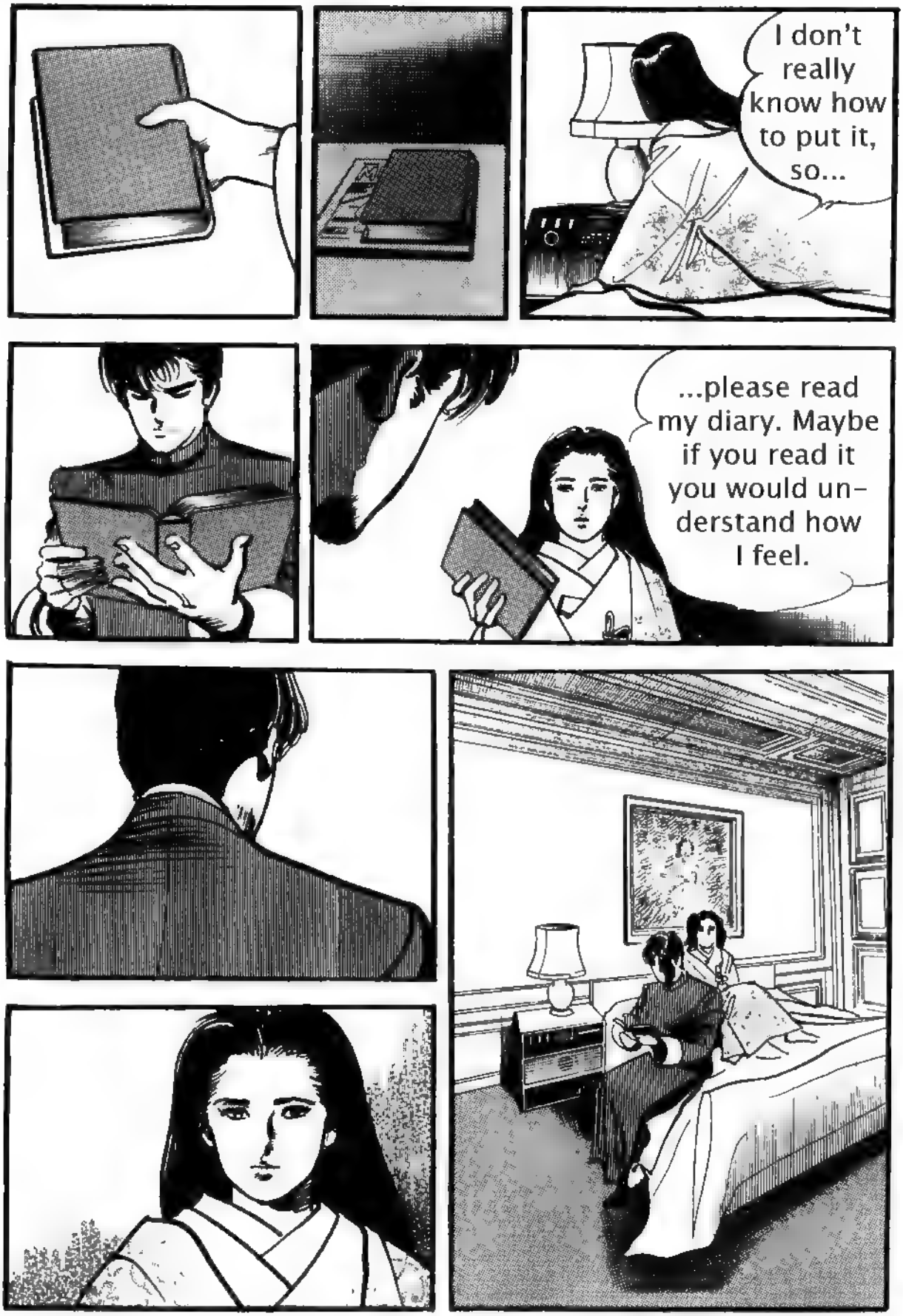
Could you hold down this sash for me?
Yo... Mr. Yo.
Yes.

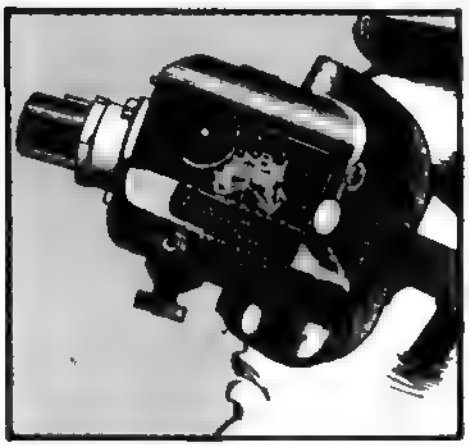


I'm... a virgin.

B...before you kill me... will you make love to me?

Please ...
くわっ!
I've grown tired of living my life alone.
I'm not expecting you to spare my life. Really.
I knew that you would come.
I... I've been thinking about you.
Even though I knew you were coming to kill me, I couldn't get the idea out of my mind. You scare me, but I wanted to see you.
I've been so lonely.


I don't really know how to put it, so...
...please read my diary. Maybe if you read it you would understand how I feel.

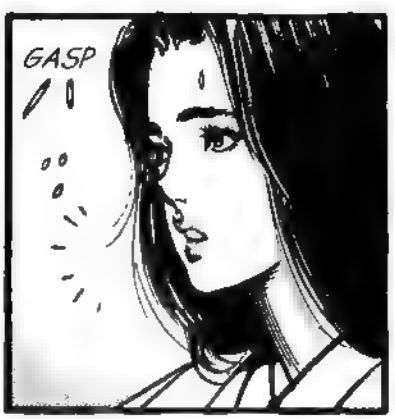


Oho... Finally, the Hakushinkai's hitman appears. Razor Ryuji.
SHOOP
I come in peace, Detective Nitta.
That hitman they call Yo, huh? Information spreads fast.
We gotta find that hitman they call Yo and make him pay, or the Hakushinkai is finished!
Our boss is dead!
Or are two very capable men going to stand out here and wait for three, four days?
We'll kidnap her and make her talk. You just gotta look the other way.
Let's use a truth serum, Detective.

I'll come see you at your Tokyo branch the day after tomorrow.
WOOSH
GRIN
We'll be waiting.
Kidnap her at dawn. It's too early now. The media is still watching.
Word.
We'll pre-tend to roll out first. Then we go in.

I've never slept with a woman before either.
WHAP

SWF


GASP

If you don't mind a man like me...

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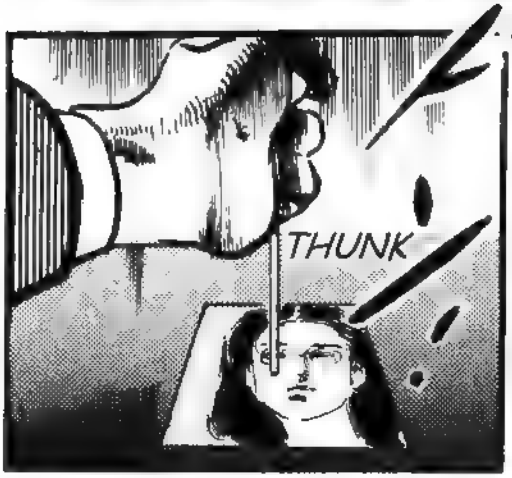
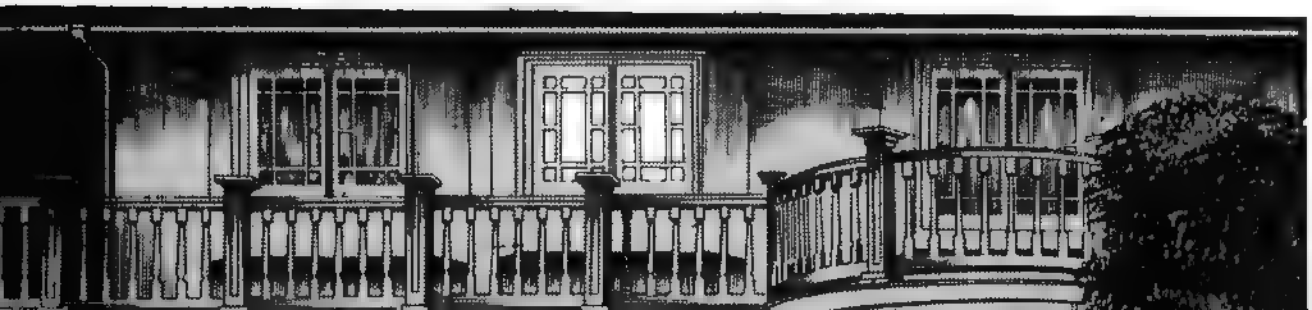

THUNK

Pretty girl.

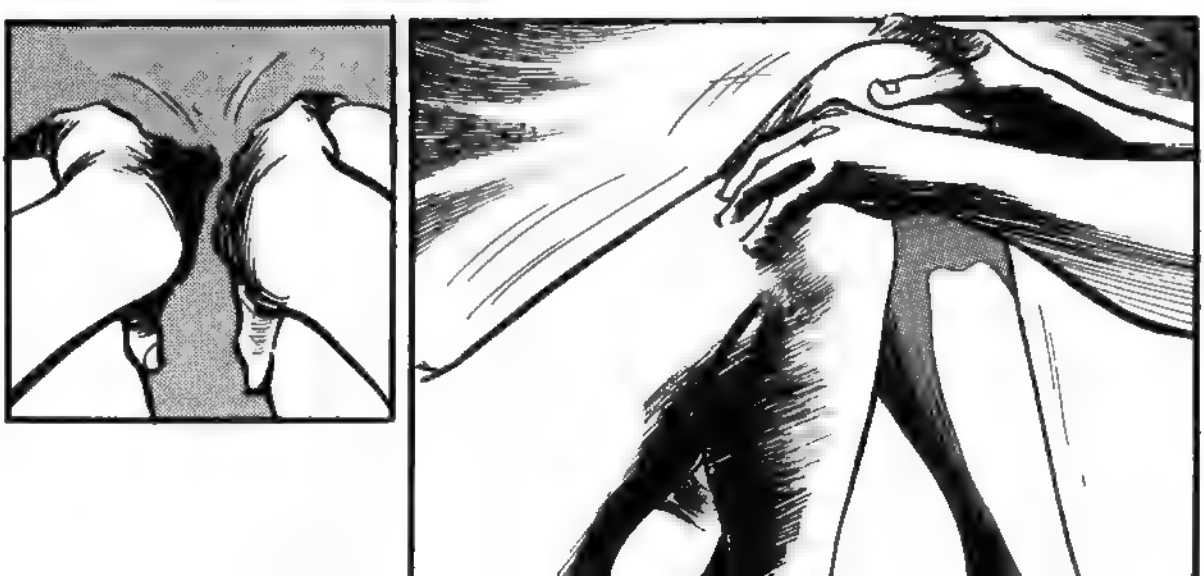
I'll make her talk, screw her, then kill her.



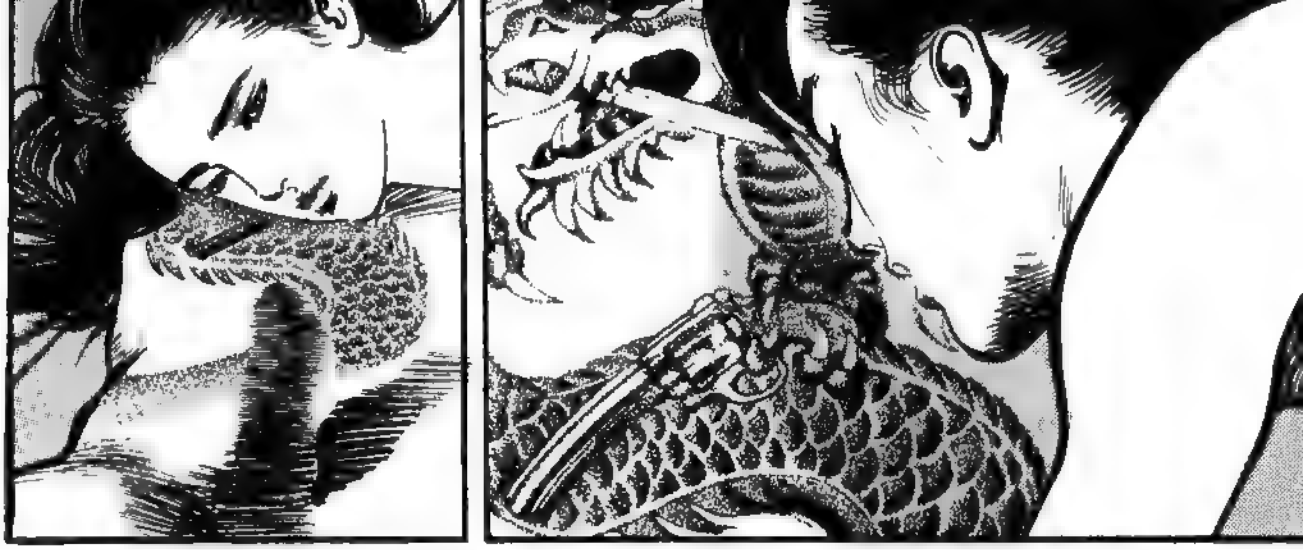
Oh
...
SHIVER

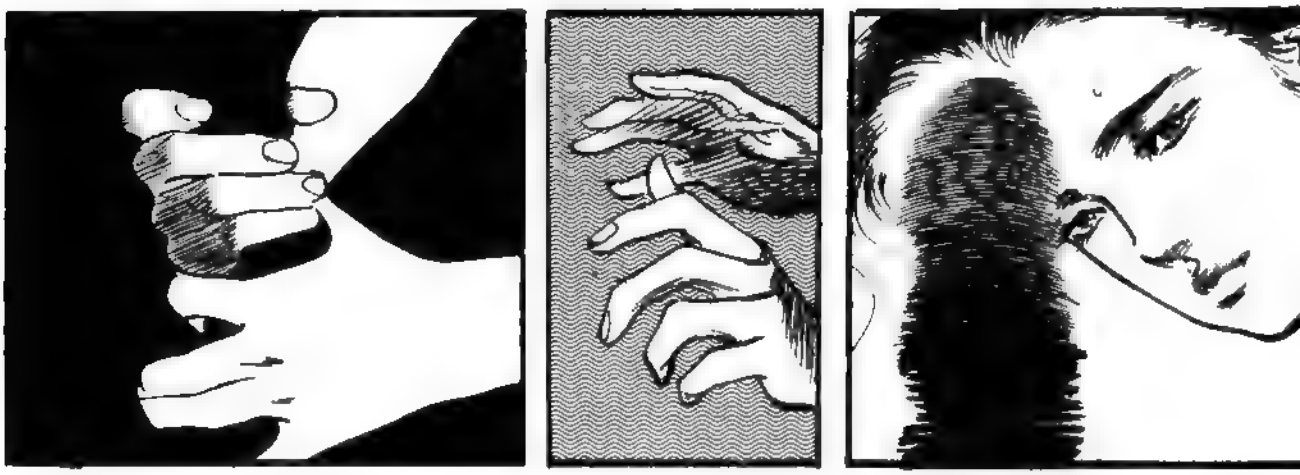
GRIP
I'm em barrassed.
Let me see it.
I don't either.
I don't know what I'm supposed to do.
We have to see each other... and understand each other.
...
I'll show you mine, too.

Amazing ...
Under-stand each other?
Yes.
Move your legs apart.



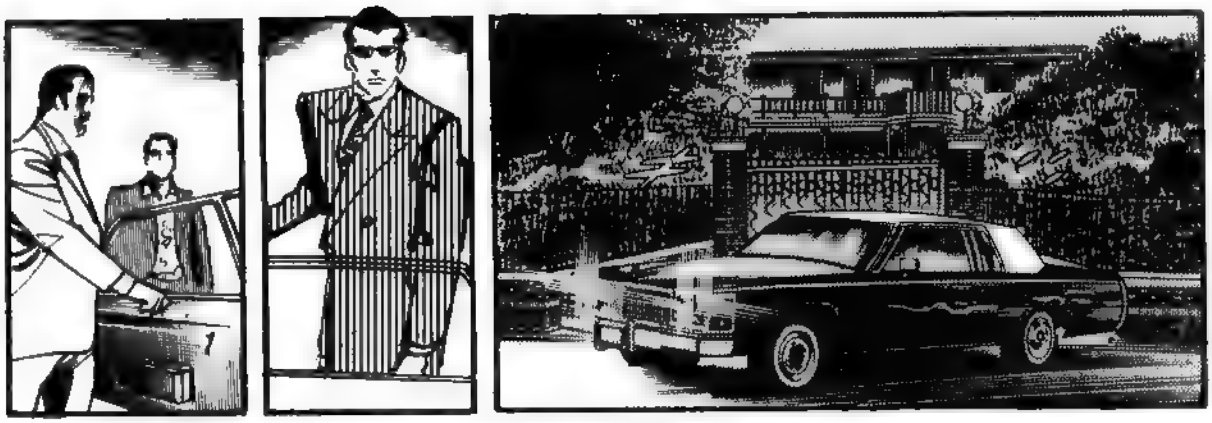
WOOSH
BLINK

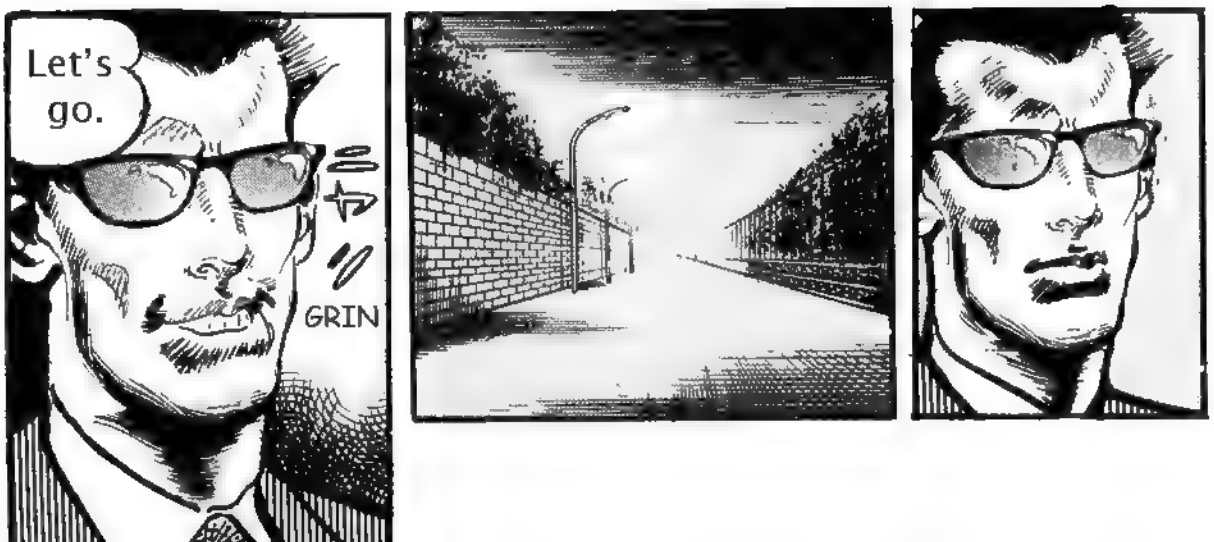




Ooh
SLIP

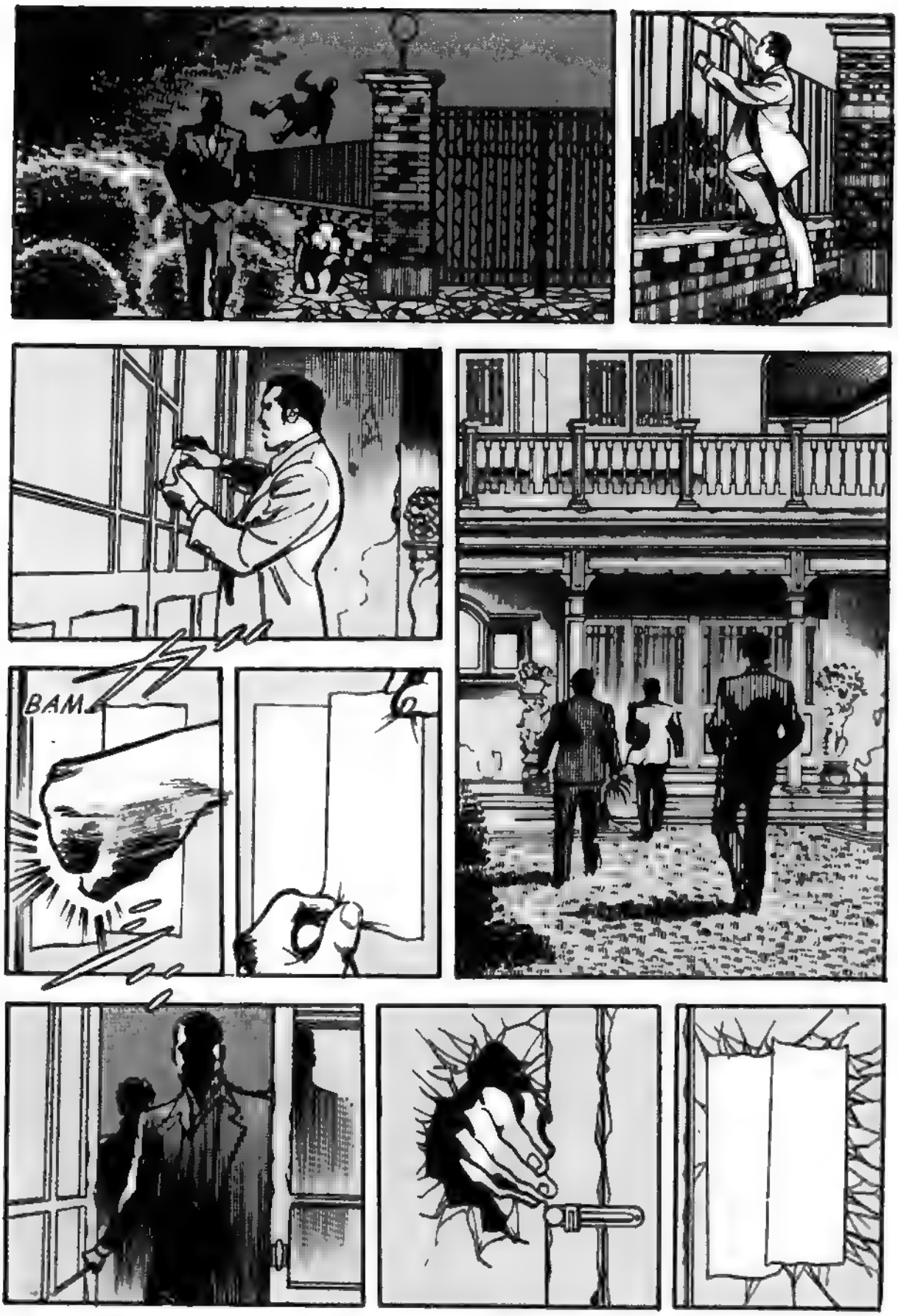
Oooh!



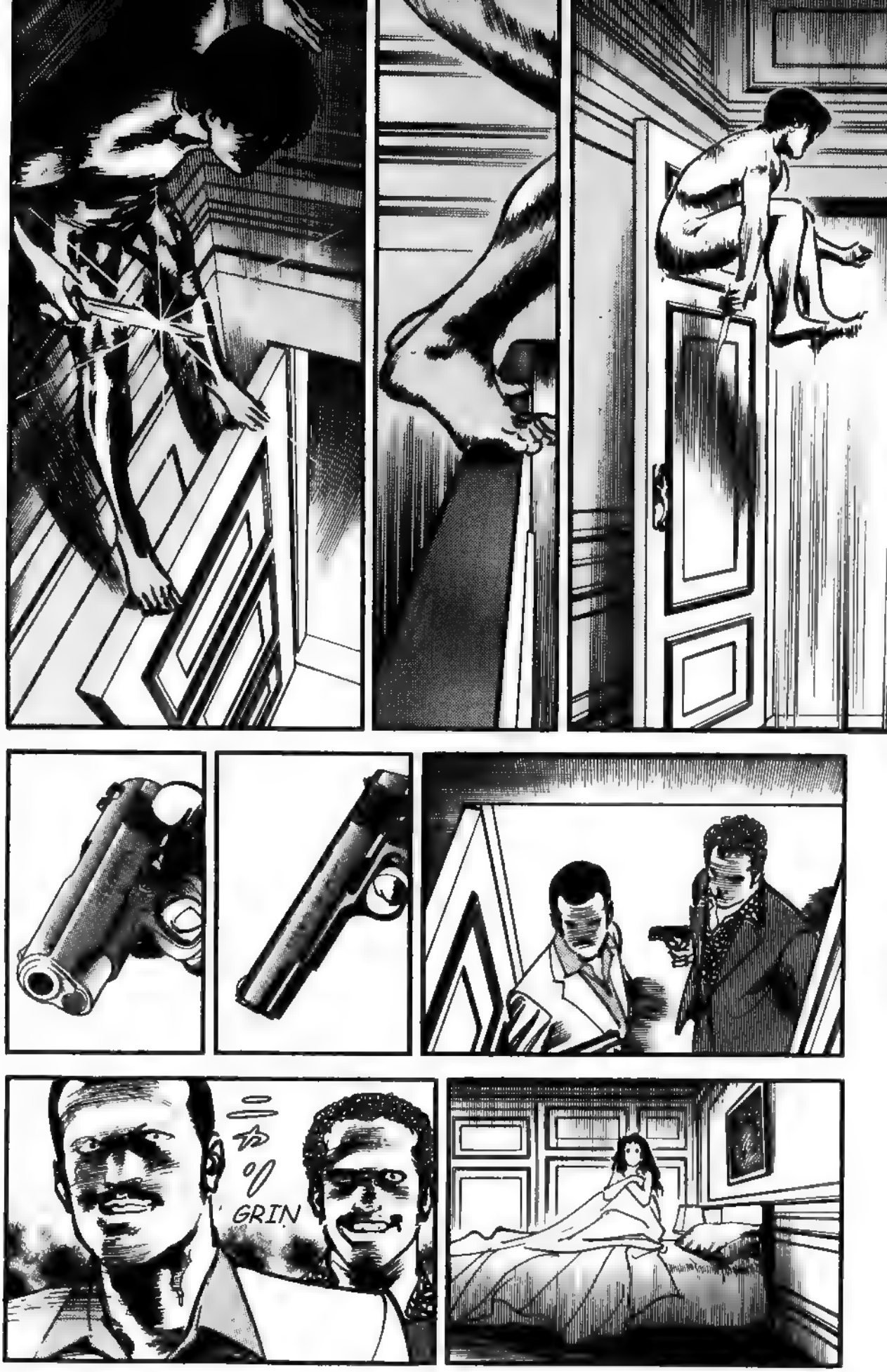

Let's go.
GRIN

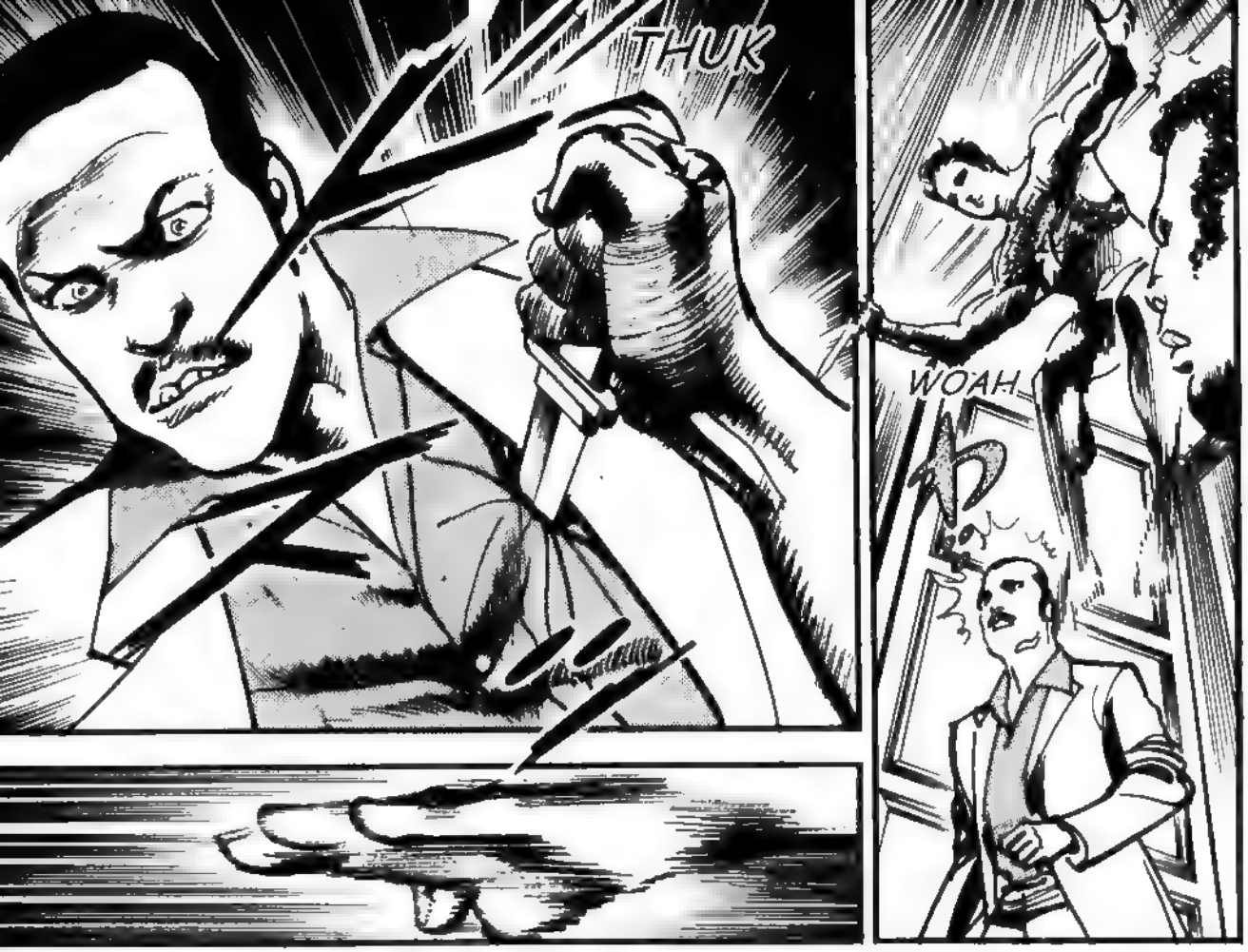
KRR
MMM

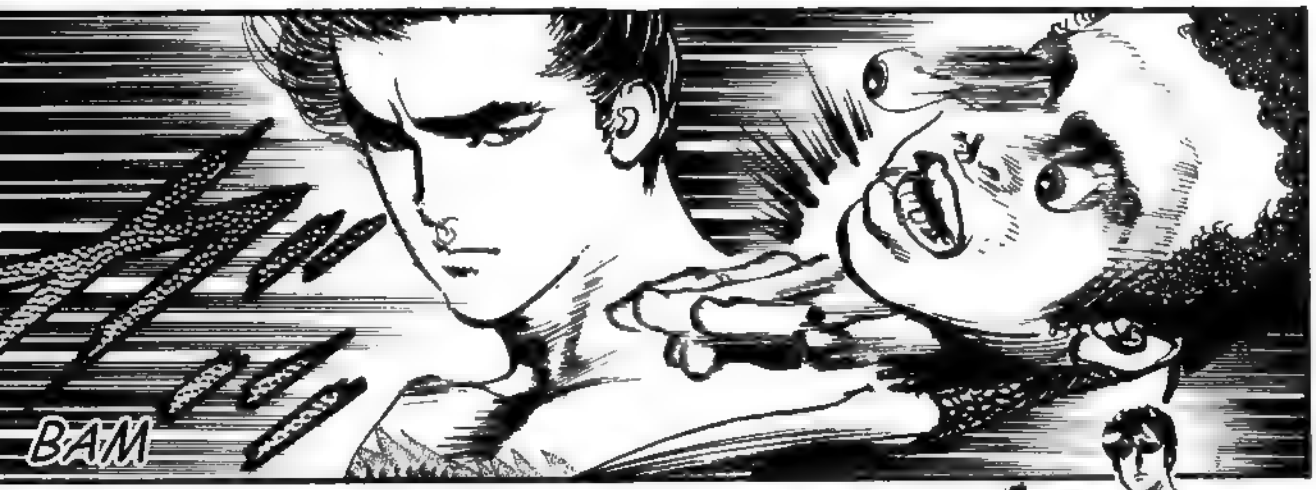
Oh, Yo!
THUD
SHUF
SHUF
SHUF


BAM

FSH


GRIN


THUK
WOAH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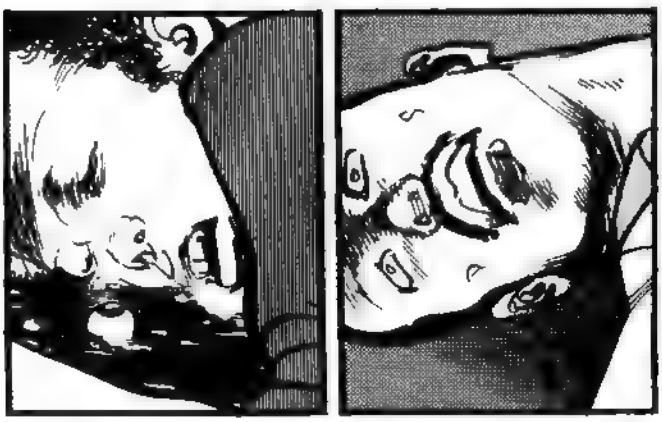

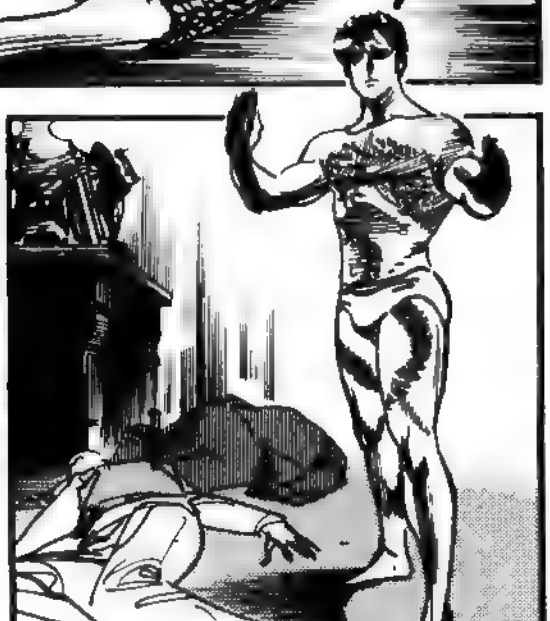

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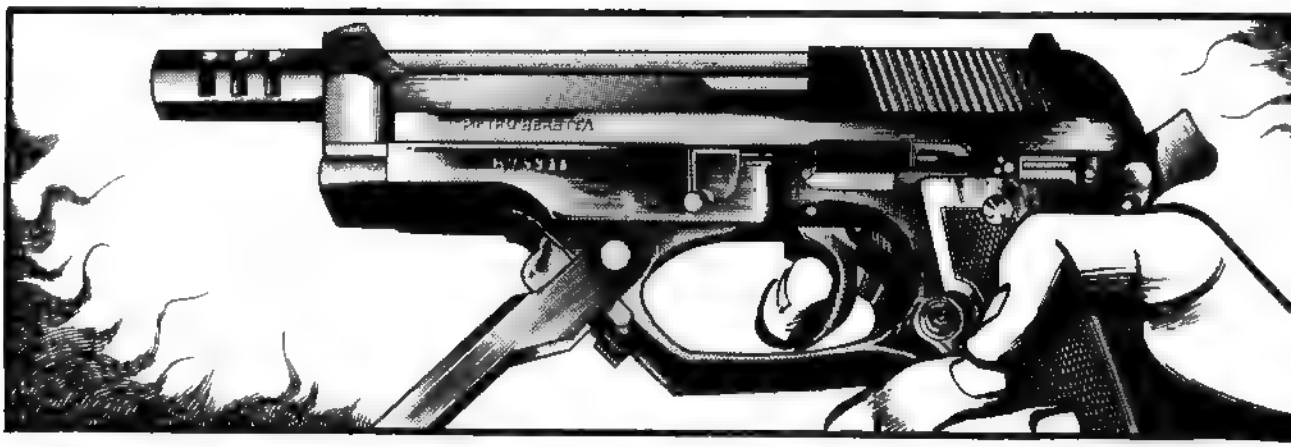
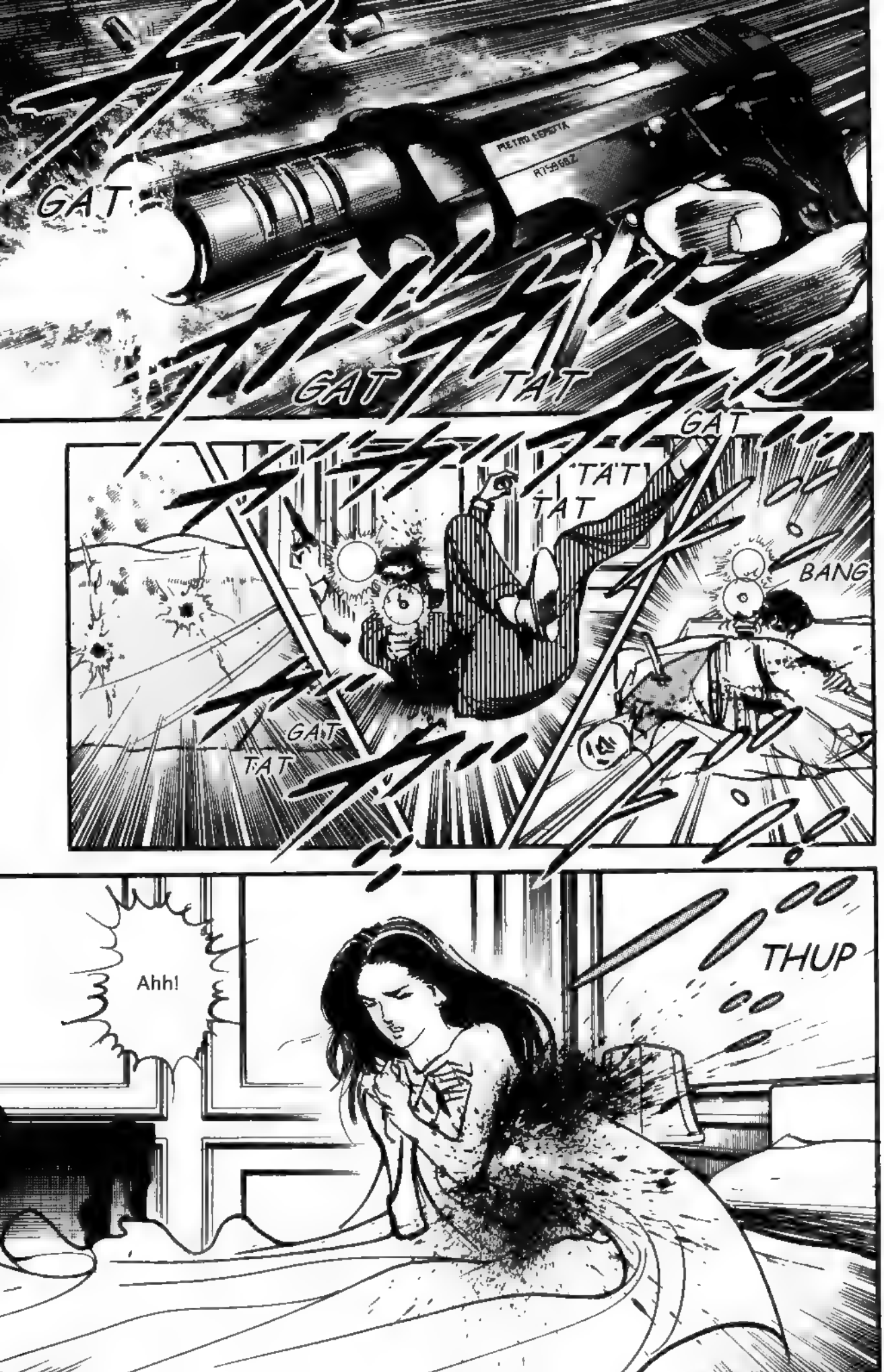


It was you.
So... You're Yo, huh?

Heh heh. Who would move with a Beretta M93R pointed at their face?

You killed our boss!
THUK
UGH

FWOO
WHUP
BANG
BANG

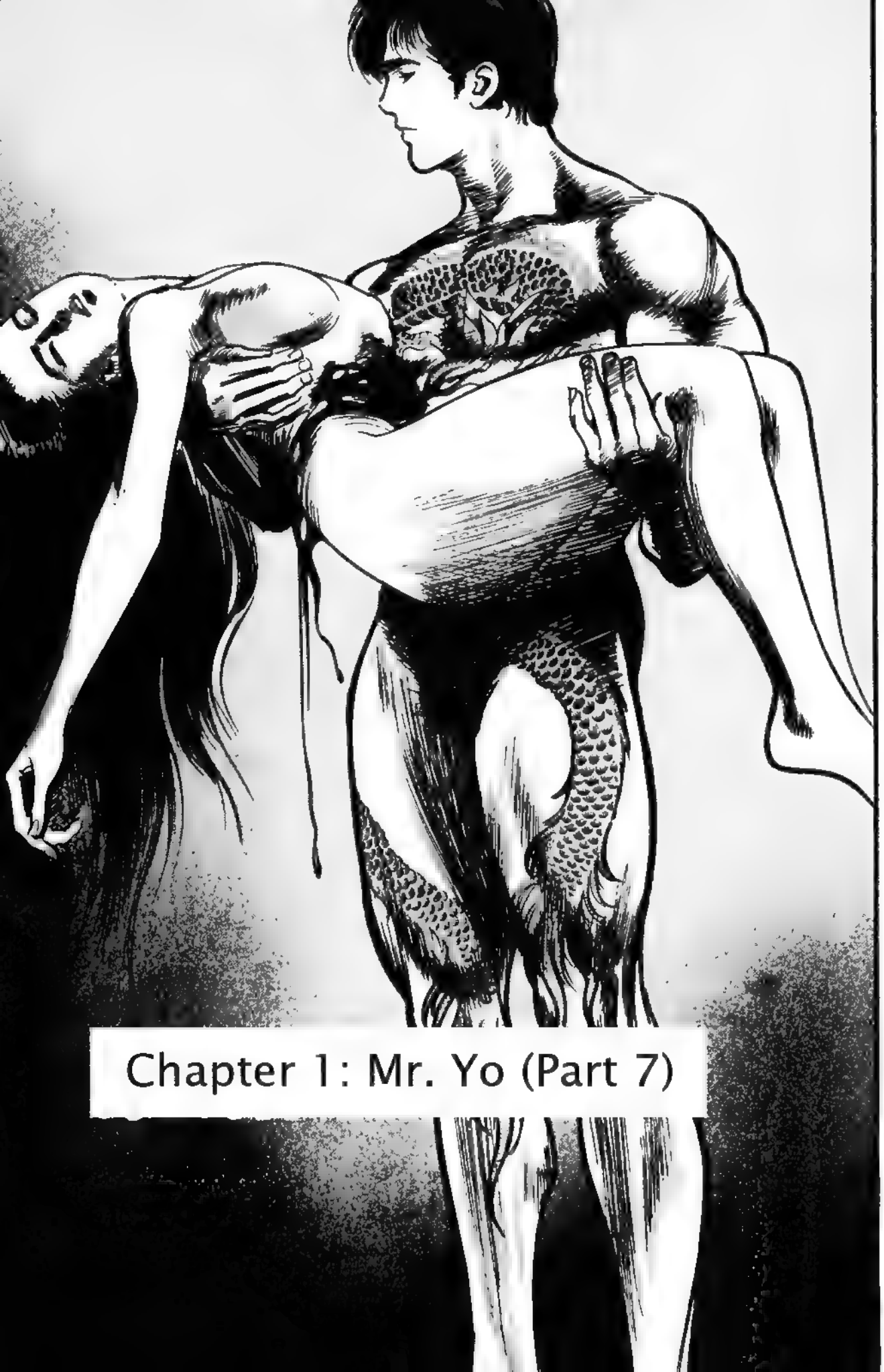

GAT
GAT TAT
GAT
TAT
TAT
BANG
GAT
TAT
Ahh!
THUP

SLUMP
M...
Mr. Yo!
Hurry up.
Kill the girl
and let's go.
I'll bring the
car around.

Ah
...
WOOSH

I can't do it.

SLIP
SLIP
You son of a... urgh.



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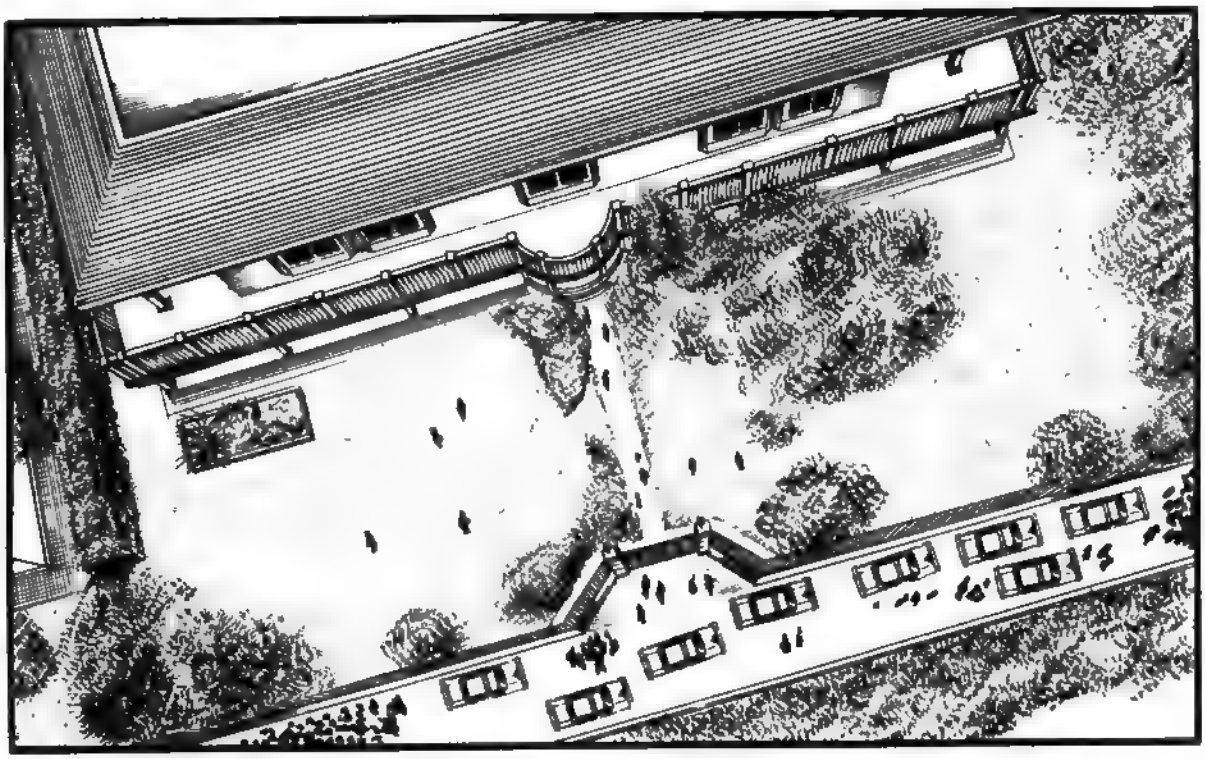
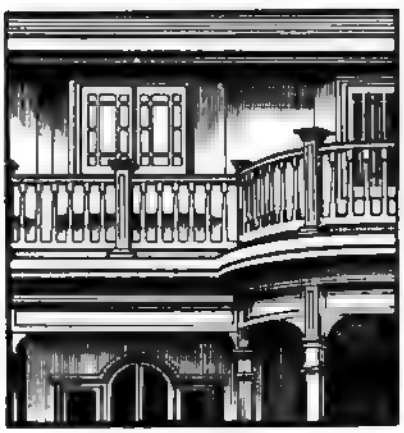


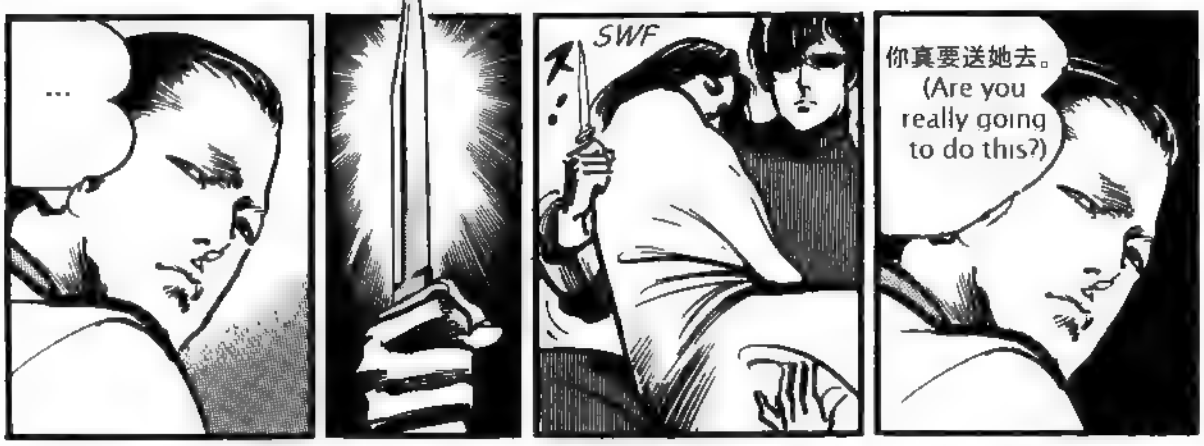


...
The yellow tape's up, and I've opened an investigation.
WHUP
Dammit! Razor Ryuji screwed up big time!
She's history.
With this much blood... it's too late.

SKREE
KREE
VEEEWN!
为什么自找麻烦？
(Why do you create more problems for us?)
怎么没杀她？
(Why didn't you kill her?)

一百零八七的規矩、忘了吗？
(Have you forgotten the code of the 108 Dragons?)
我数到十，把她赶出去。
(Throw her out before I count to ten.)
如果按我説的去做的話我就不对組织説了。
(Do it and I won't say a word to headquarters.)

あ GASP
黄、去警察医院、快！
(Drive to the police hospital, Ko. Hurry up!)


...
SWF
你真要送她去。
(Are you really going to do this?)

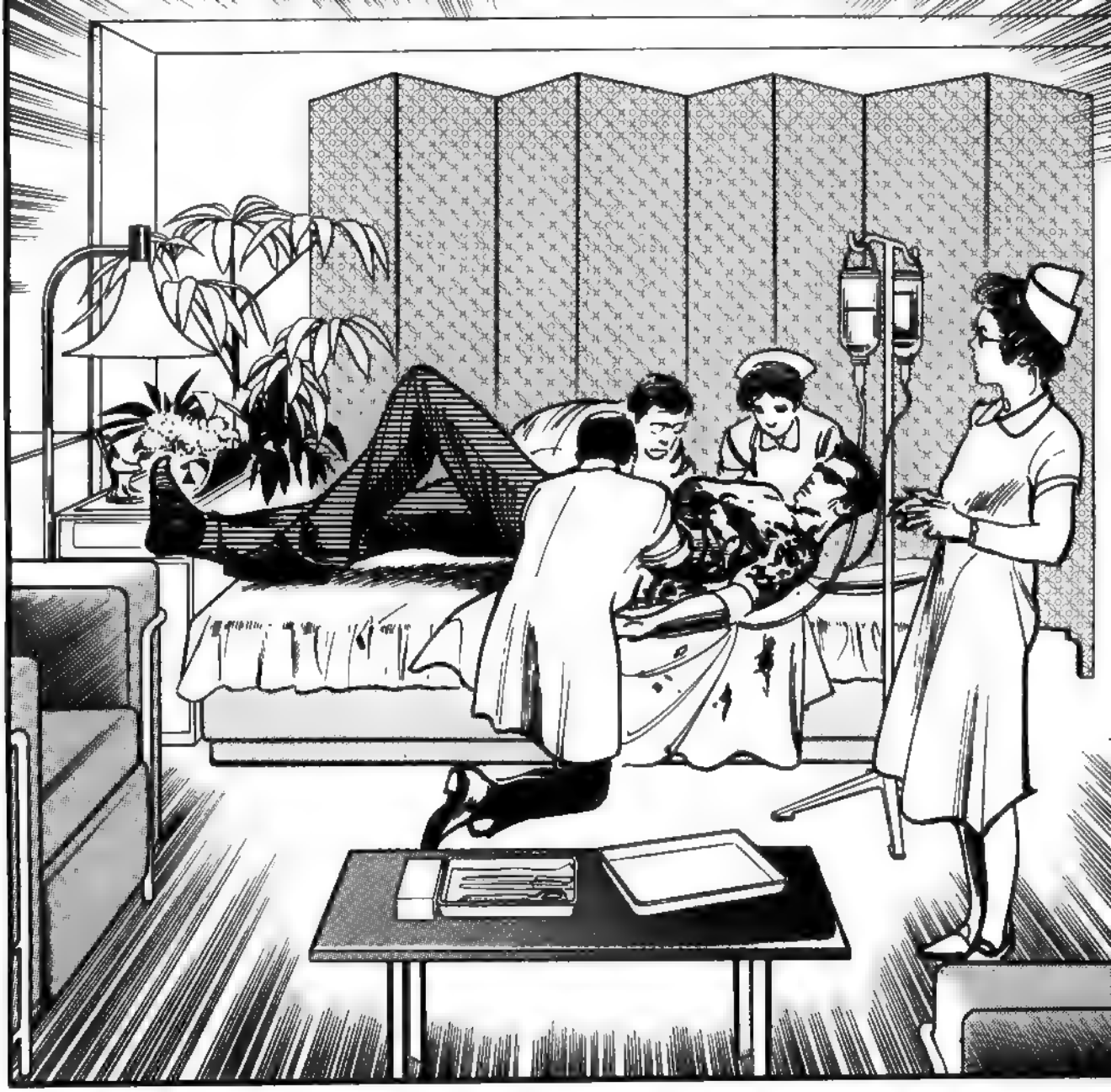
GRIP
I'm cold.

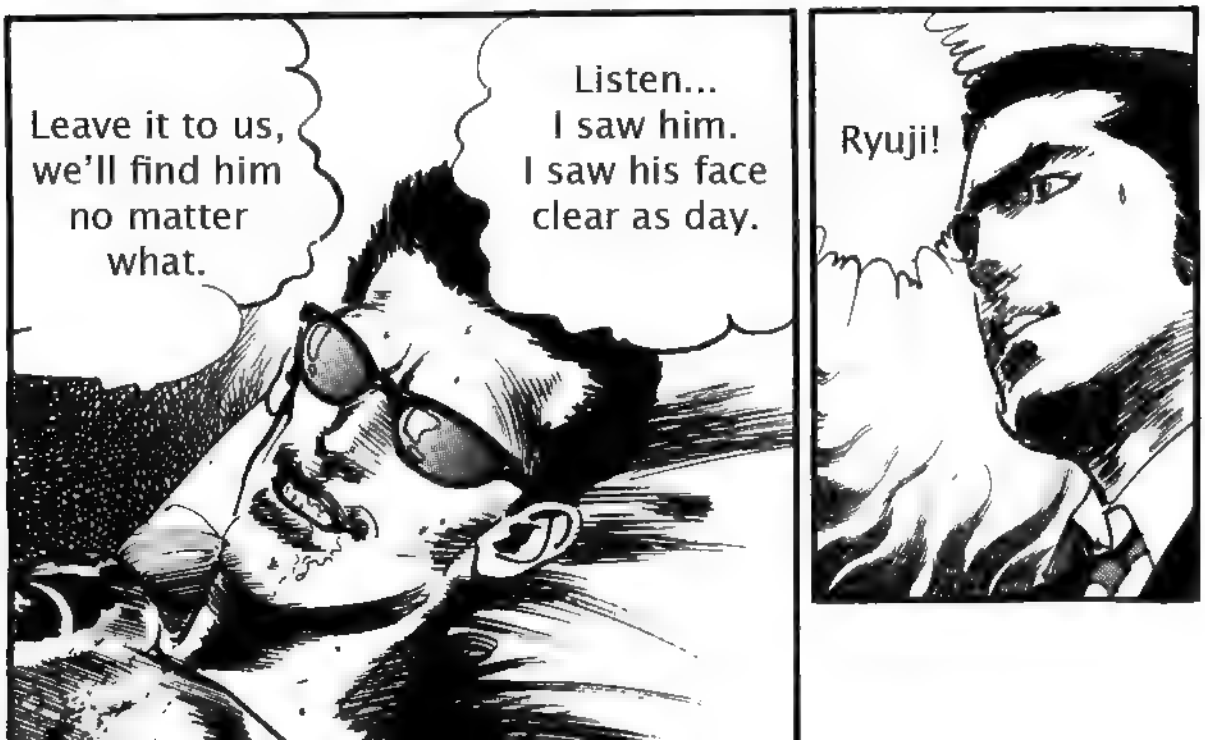
We're taking you to the police hospital, Emu. I think it's the best way to save you.
I... I'm going to die, aren't I?
GRIN
You... you said my name.
It's the only way to save you.
People know it as Hinomura's Workshop.
I'll be in Nishi-Izu, at a place called Gokoyo.
My surname is Hinomura.
不要再説了 (Keep you mouth shut.)
不，不知道。我什么都不知道，不会对人説的。自由人，你是不是有点癫了。(I don't know nothin'. I won't say a word. What's wrong with you, Freeman?)

Tokyo Police Hospital
KREEEE

You're bleeding a lot, but luckily the bullet didn't puncture any of your vital organs. You'll be fine in no time.
Hino... mura...

HAKUSHIN
SLAM
Where the hell is Ryuji!?
VREEE
Ryuji!
MURMUR
IT
MOVE!
An important witness got killed thanks to Ryuji!




Leave it to us, we'll find him no matter what.
Listen... I saw him. I saw his face clear as day.
Ryuji!

The 108 Dragons! That bastard is a hitman for the 108 Dragons!
Haven't you heard stories about a hitman named Freeman?
A dragon tattoo?
He looked young, like a college student. He was good lookin'.
With a full-body tattoo of a dragon.
Mister! The guy who killed our boss is called Freeman, he's a hitman for the 108 Dragons. He's a young Japanese man with a full-body dragon tattoo.
And he's Japanese.
His name is Yo.
You mean Crying Freeman?
I'm sayin' he has a dragon tattoo.
That's right. He sheds tears every time he kills someone. He's a hitman for the 108 Dragons.
CLINK

We've found Emu Hino!
DASH
Oof ...
DAZE
Wha...!?
She was taken to the police hospital, and she's undergoing surgery now.

VEEEWN
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
SWAY
SWAY

VEEEWN
RUT
TUT TUT
VEEWN
SHING
GASP

She will come to Nishi-Izu alone. She won't say a word about anything, no matter how far the police and the yakuza push her.
Mr. Ko.
Urgh ...
That's why I told her about Nishi-Izu... as a sort of gamble.
If she does talk... we'll do what we have to do.
We split.
If she does visit you alone, what will you do then?
SWF
VEEEWN
And we never see her again.

There's no way she could stay with me.
RUT
TUT
TUT
TUT
RUT
TUT
TUT
TUT

Surgery in Progress
PACE
PACE

Miss Emu Hino.
The Princess Hotel Group snatched it up.
...
Investigation 4th Division
What!? Emu Hino sold her house!?

I see. So she wasn't killed then.
Which means she got intimate with Yo.
Hino acquired a visa to travel to Hong Kong.
She also had her travel agent put her in Hong Kong's Queen Hospital for recovery.
SHOOP
Keep a close watch on her!
I don't under-stand women.

十
WOOSH
Hinomura, Gokoyo, Nishi-Izu...
I miss you.

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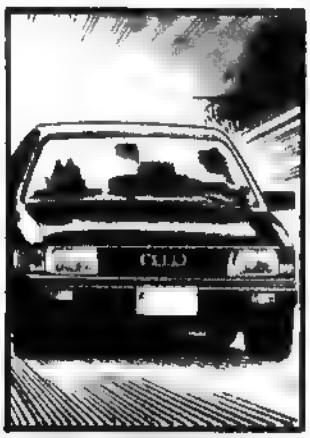
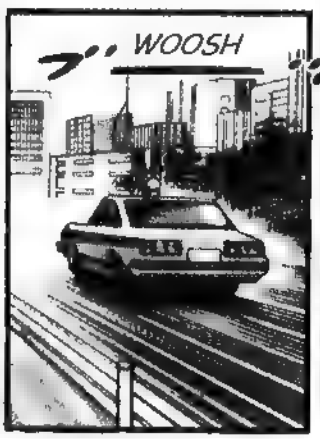
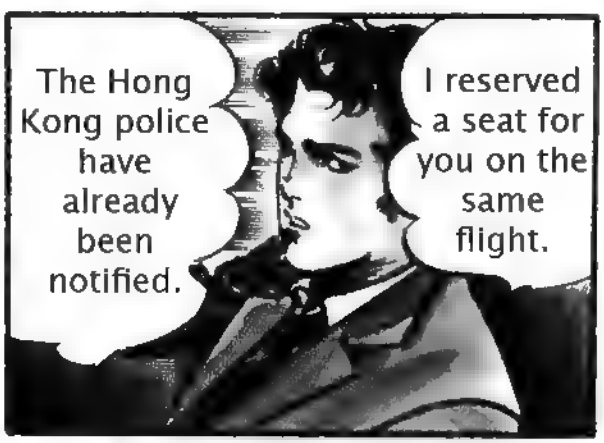
Looks just like the woman in the picture.

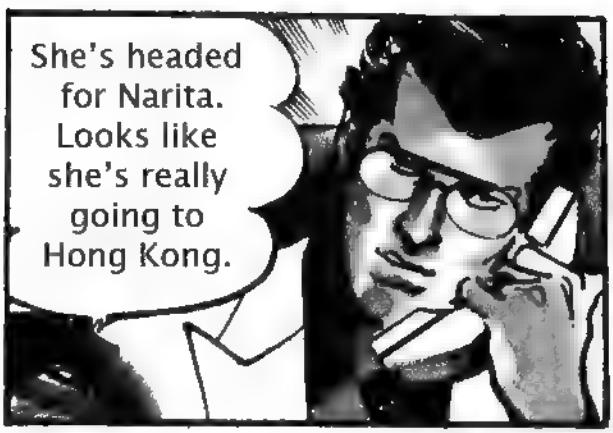
She's left the building, and about to get in a taxi.




WOOSH

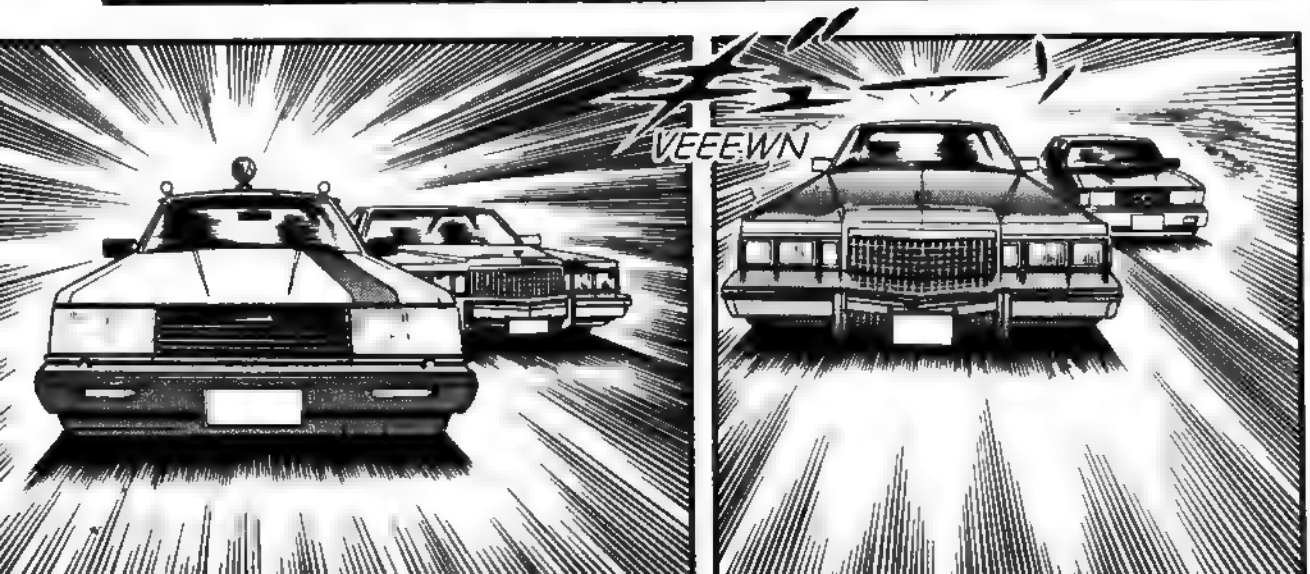
Looks like I'll be going to Hong Kong too.
She's heading for Narita Airport, just as we thought.


The Hong Kong police have already been notified.
I reserved a seat for you on the same flight.


She's headed for Narita. Looks like she's really going to Hong Kong.

That's a free ride to and from the hospi-tal.
That woman was supposed to leave the hospital in a hired car.
Why would she take a cab?

You gotta crash into them! Hit the taxi with your car and check if it's her.

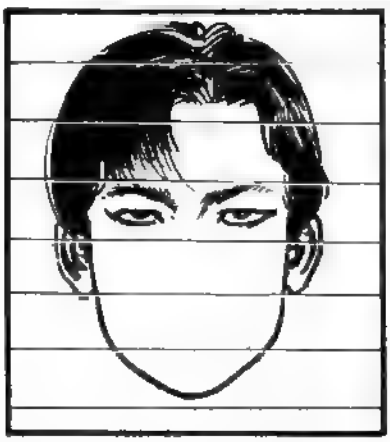

VEEEWN

WHAM
KRRRR
DASH
WOAH
KREEEE
It's not her.

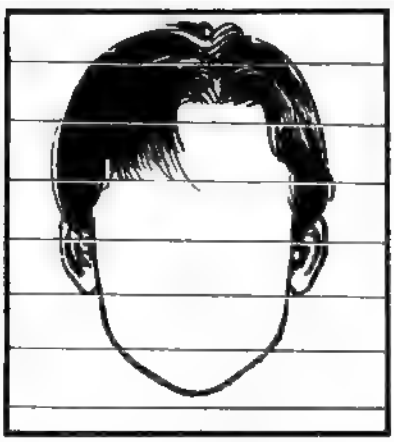
HUH!?
DOOM
Were you riding in a hired vehicle with Ms. Hino when she left the hospital?
I got in first, and just hid.
I... I'm Emu's friend. My name is Sachiko Kamo.
I got a call from her. She asked me to go to the hospital dressed like a nurse.

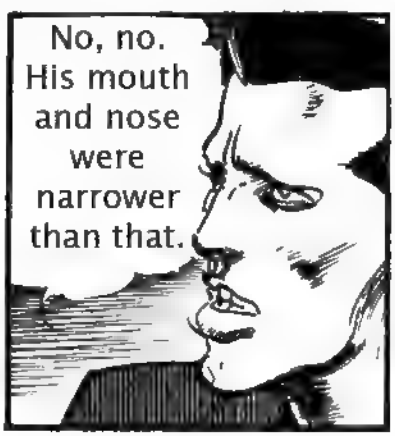
I'm sorry, but Emu said she was being chased by the yakuza.
You did your hair just like hers, and you took her place.
No, sir.
You don't happen to know where she is now, do you?
Dammit!
That woman's really some-thing.
She tricked both the police and the Haku-shinkai and got them off her trail.

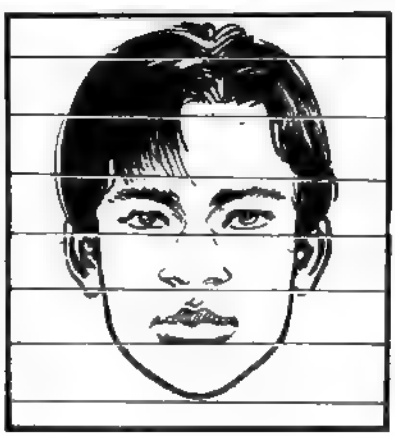
BAM
You moron!
You fell for the oldest trick in the book!



Yeah, his hair was like that.



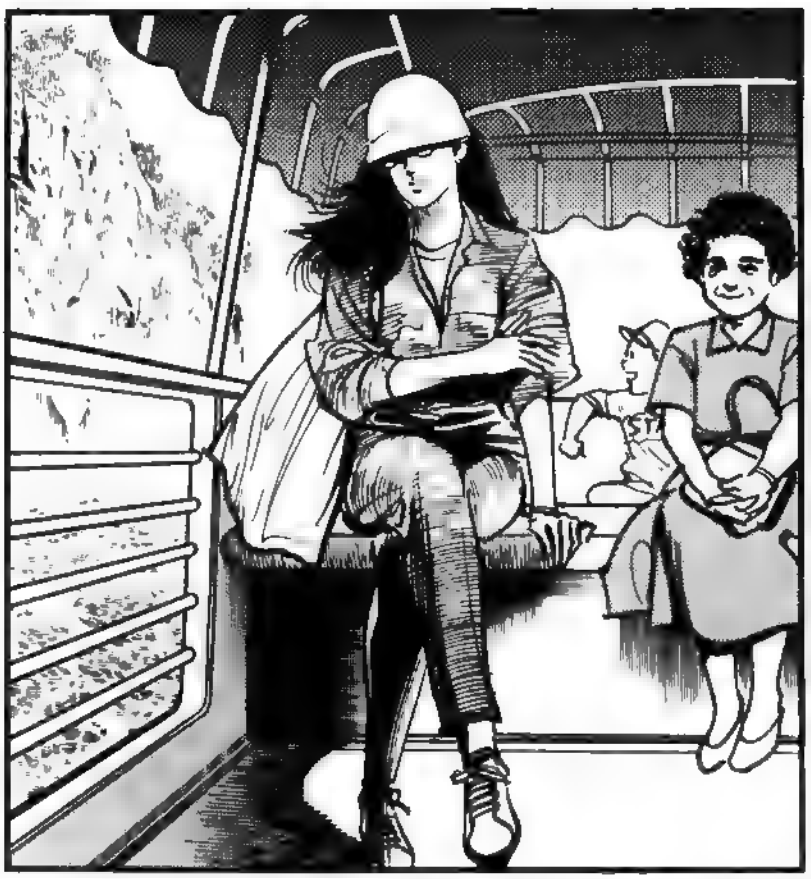

No, no. His mouth and nose were narrower than that.

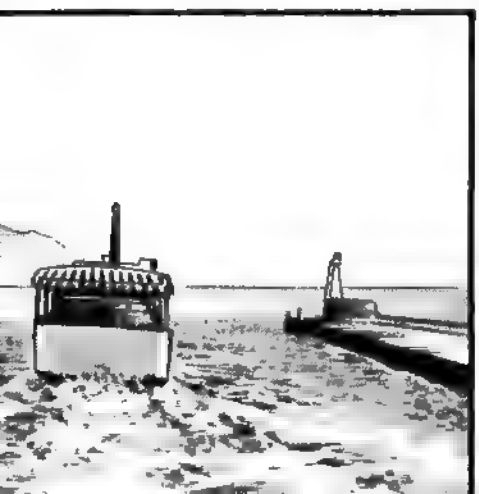


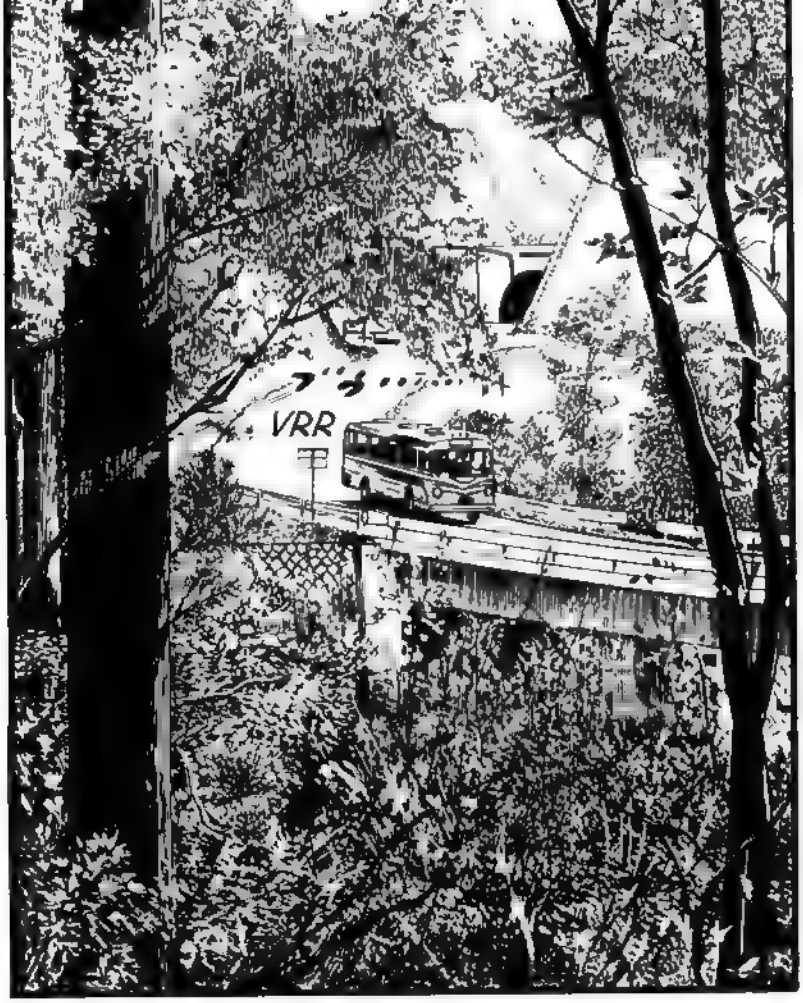
No. His eyes are gentler than that. Like a kid's.

FLICK
FLICK
FLICK
HMPH
Dammit. Nothing stands out on a good looking man's face.
It's better to wait it out.
What?
There's no need to make a montage.

He'll come to kill me. I'm Crying Freeman's sole witness.
Is it?
CHIK
Looks like the Japa-nese police aren't ready to cut ties with the yakuza yet.
FLICK
Hmph.
GRIN
Bah hah hah hah! Bah hah hah hah!



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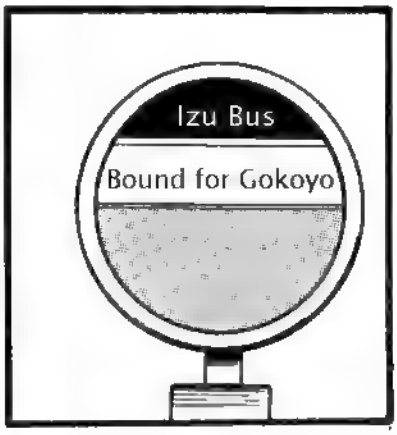
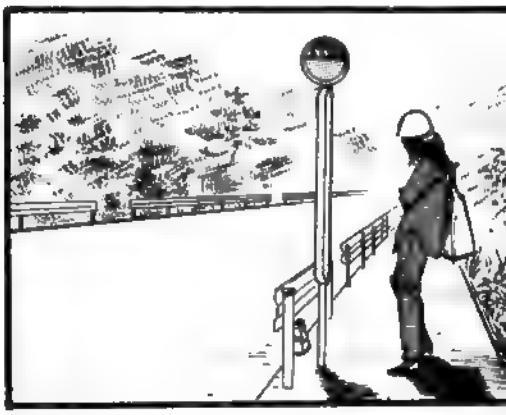

Izu Bus
Bound for Gokoyo



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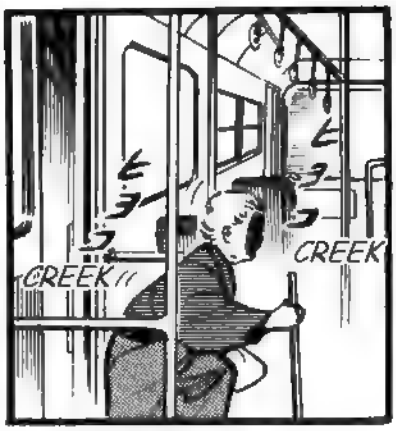
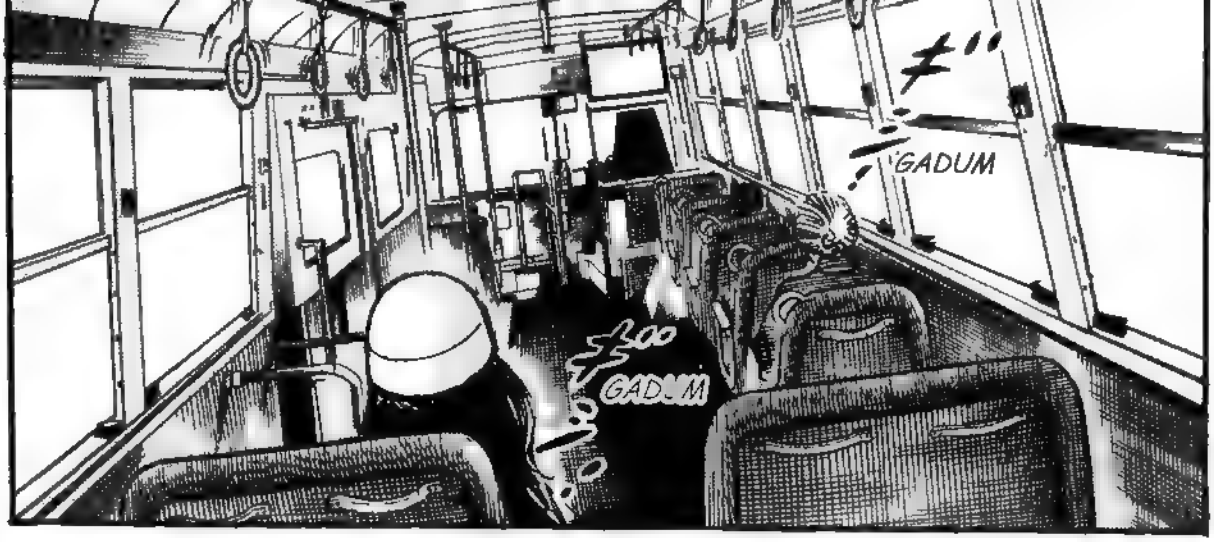

CREEK
CREEK


GADUM
GADUM

The next stop is Gokoyo.

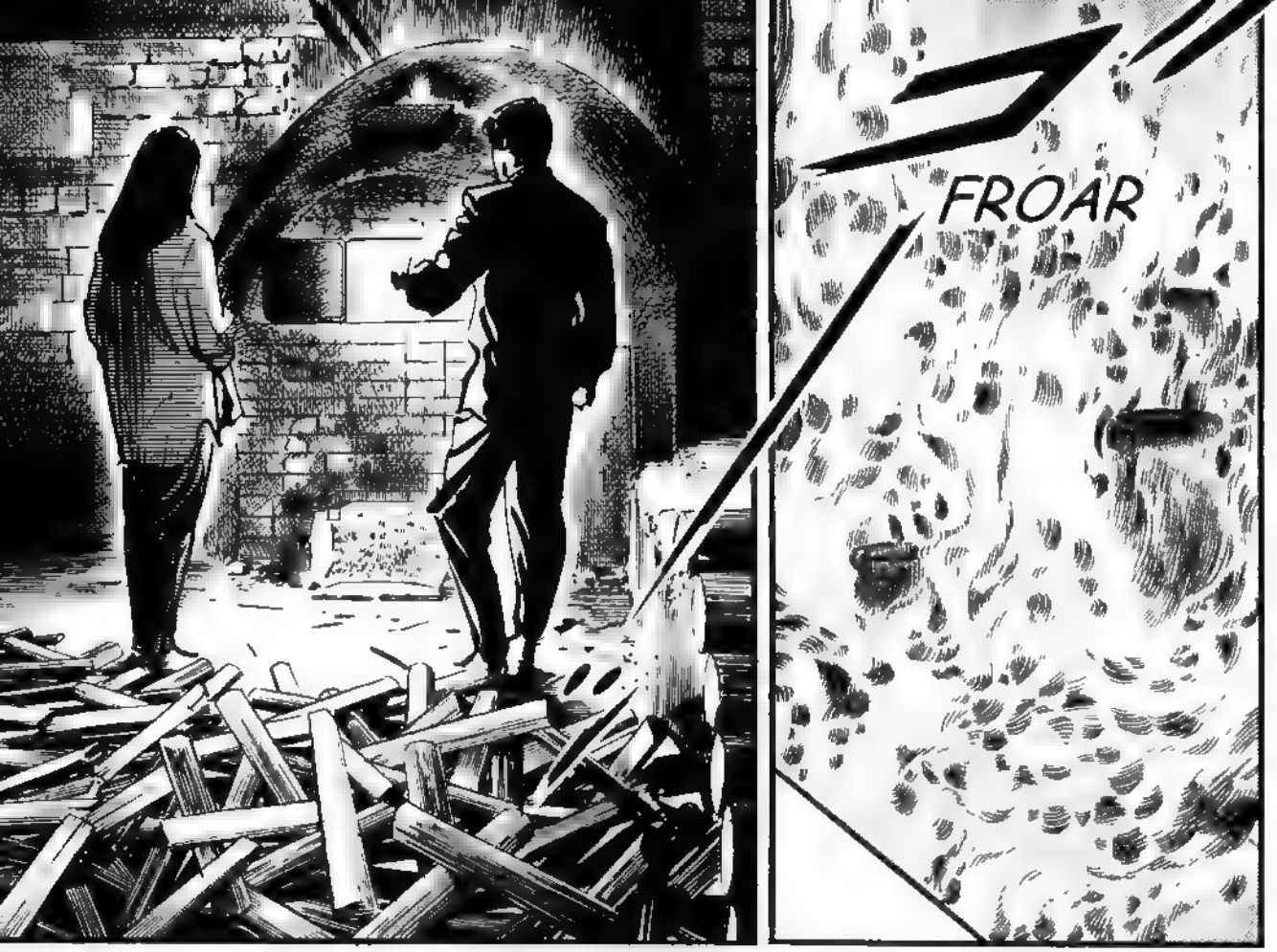
Hinomura
火野村

Hinomura
火野村

SSSHHH
SSSHHH
GADUM
GADUM

They're fine.
How are your wounds?
GRIP

Huh?
I'll tell you every-thing about me.
WOOPSIE DAISY
GRIN
No one is coming.
Your intuition was correct, Mr. Yo. Now there's an amazing woman. She didn't talk to anybody.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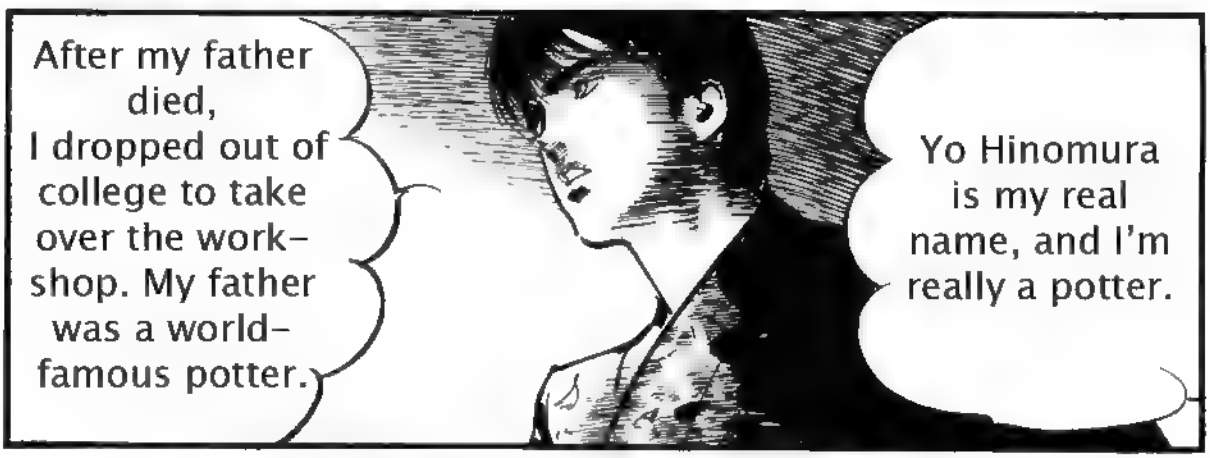
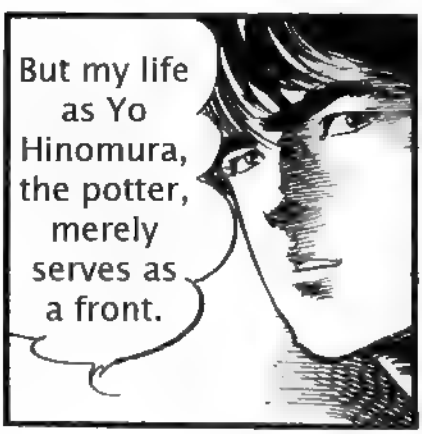
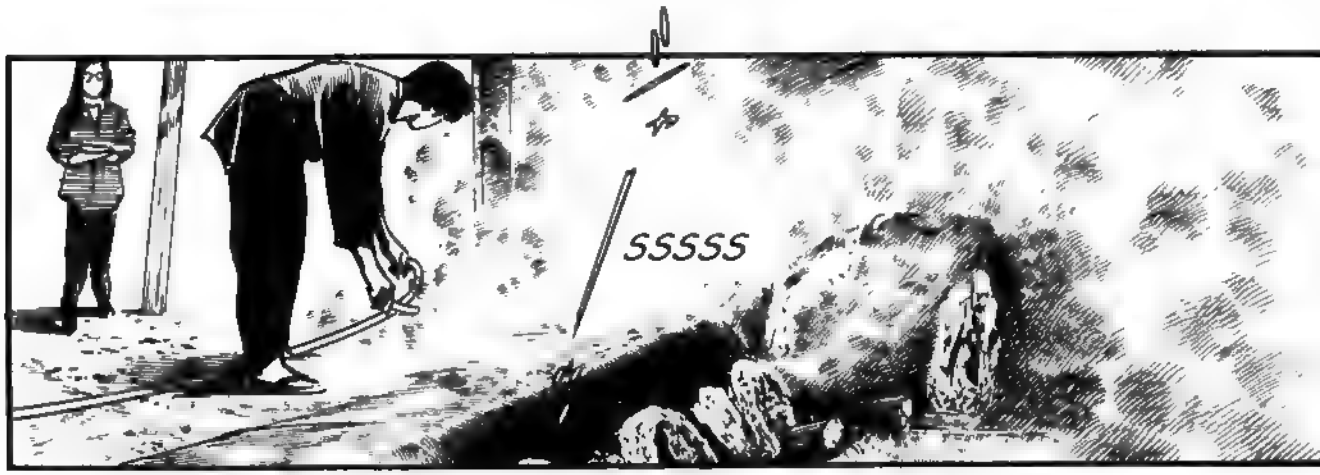

After my father died, I dropped out of college to take over the work-shop. My father was a world-famous potter.
Yo Hinomura is my real name, and I'm really a potter.


But my life as Yo Hinomura, the potter, merely serves as a front.

I knew when you told me your name was Hino-mura.
Yes, I know you were getting famous as a potter, too.

I'm actually a hitman for the Chinese Mafia.
My code-name is Crying Free-man.


SSSSS

I made this for you.

It's
my dragon.

Keep it as a reminder.
A remin-der?
Four years ago, I opened my first exhibi-tion in New York.

I was already
fairly well-known in Japan,
and felt the best was yet to come

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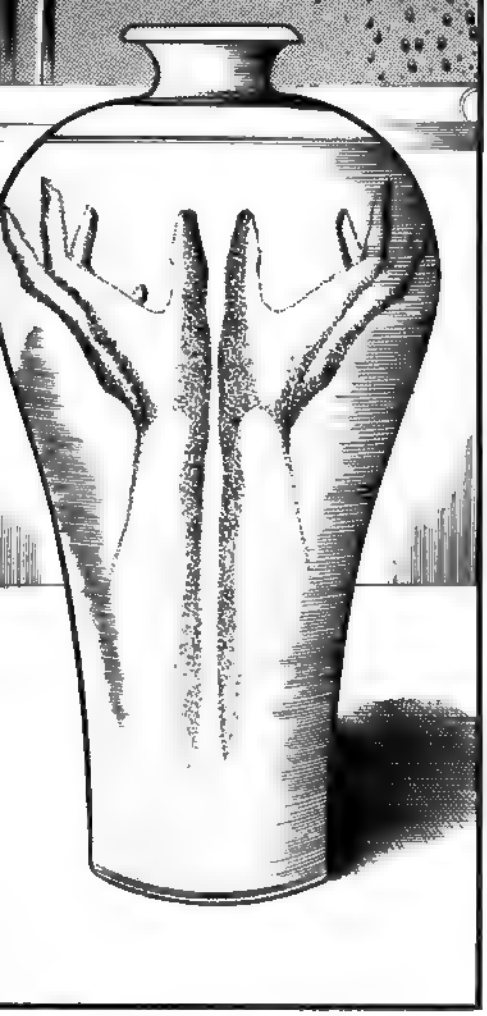
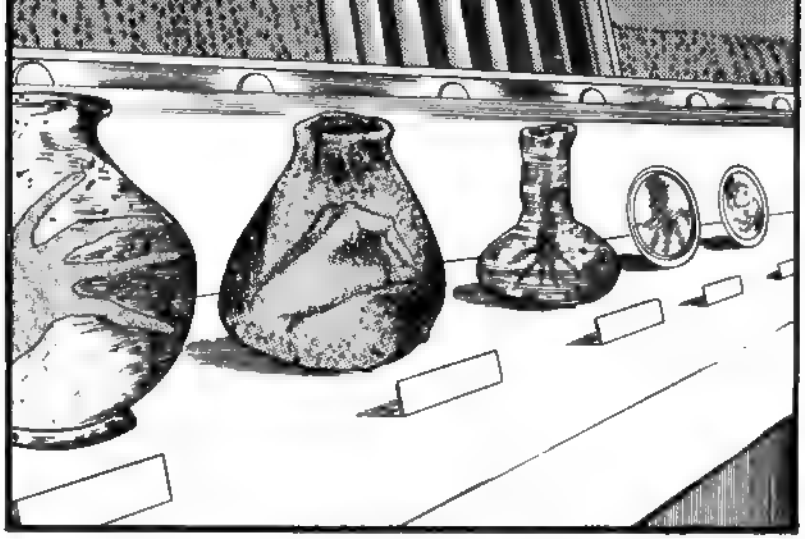
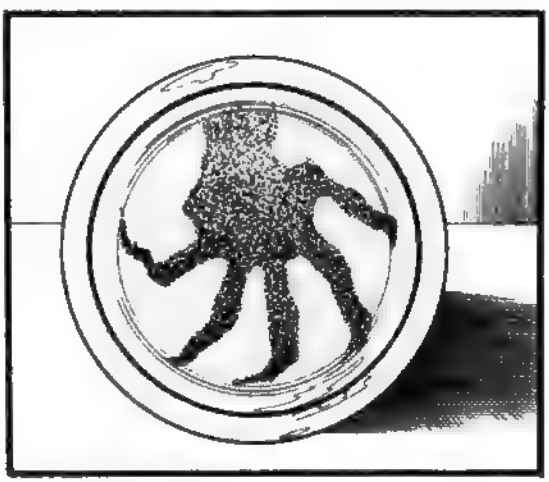
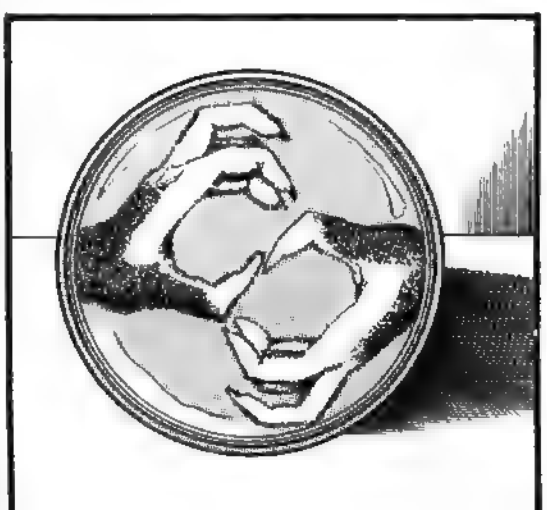
My exhibition was a huge success

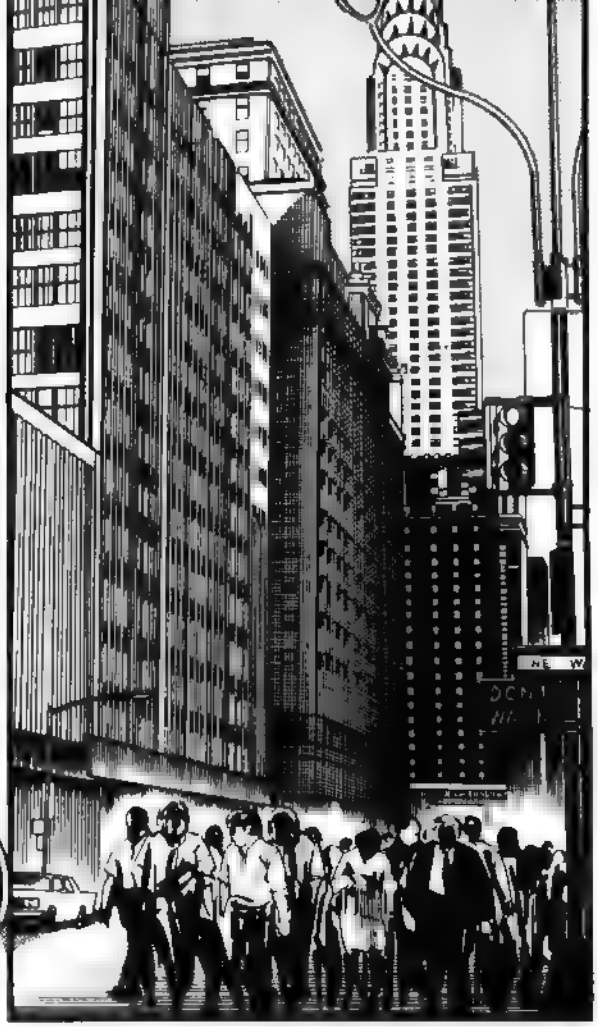


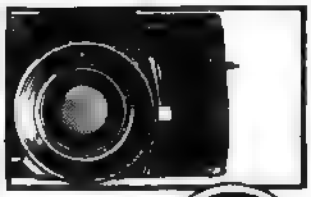


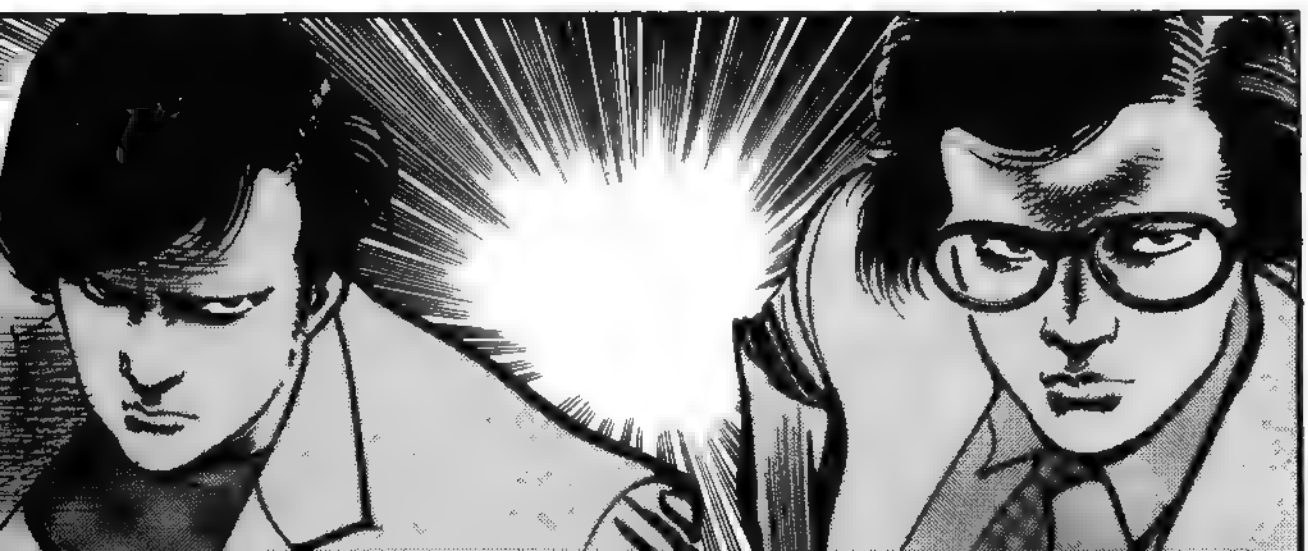




SNAP
SNAP
SNAP

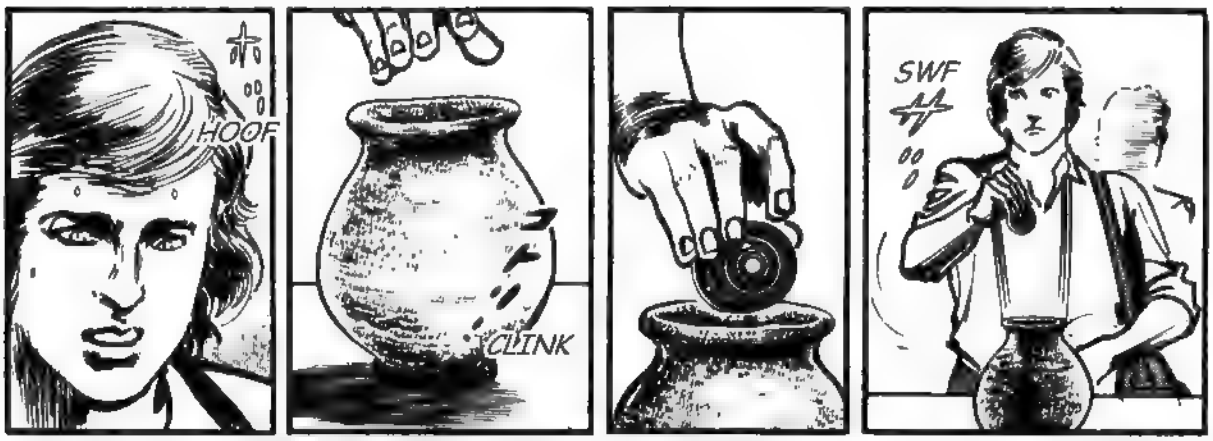


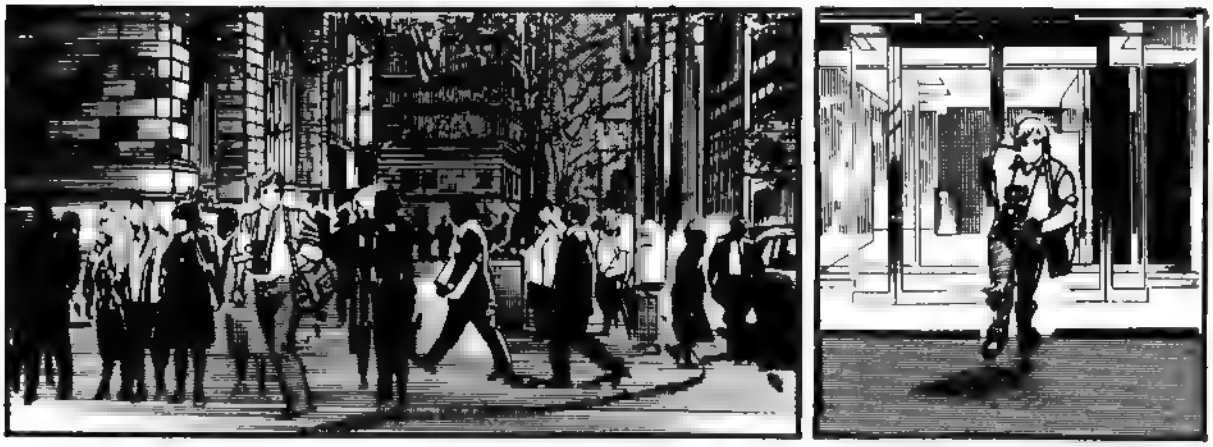




I knew it... I'm being followed. I've got to hide this film somewhere.
SNAP
SNAP

Crying Freeman 1

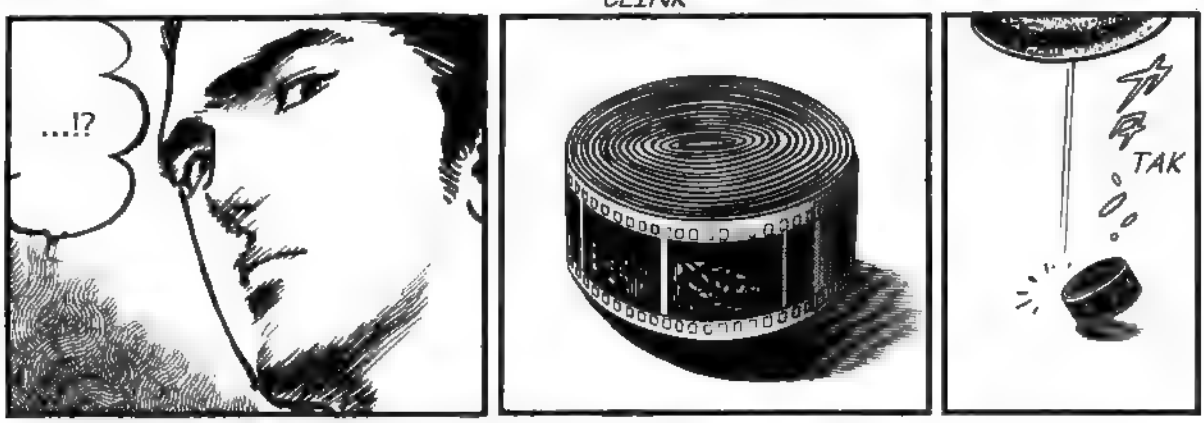


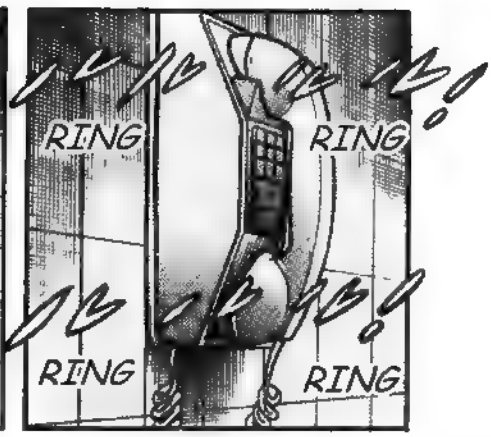


OOF
THUK

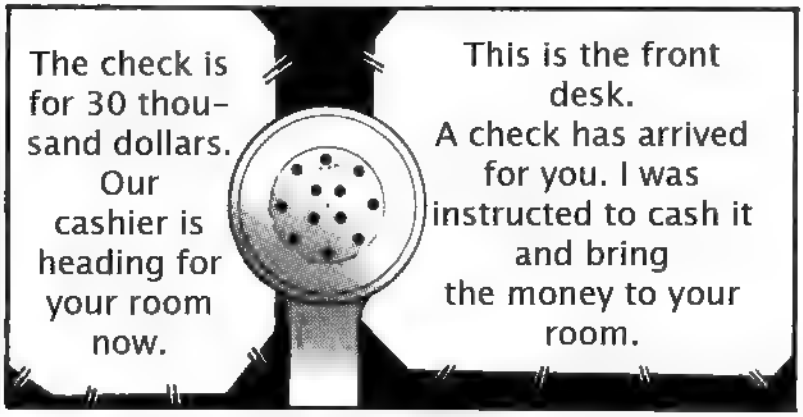
HUSH

CLINK

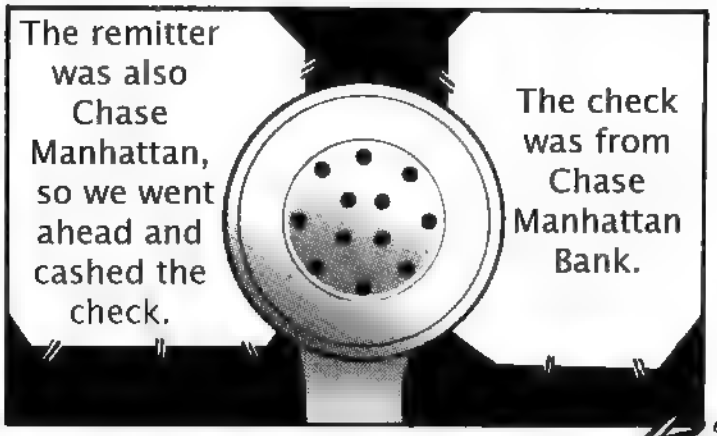

...!?
TAK

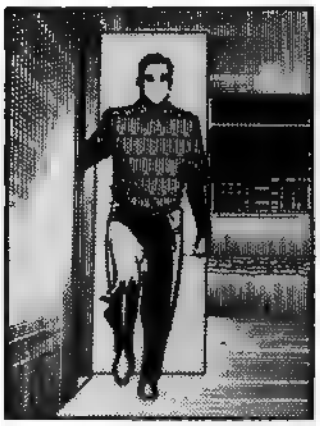

RING
RING
RING
RING

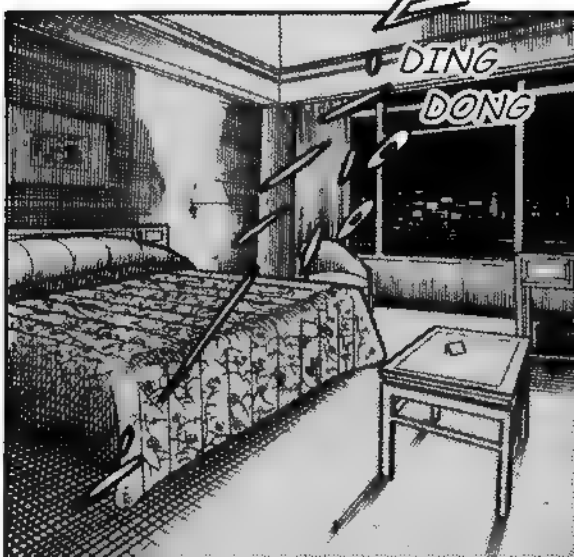
But who would... why...?


The check is for 30 thou-sand dollars. Our cashier is heading for your room now.
This is the front desk. A check has arrived for you. I was instructed to cash it and bring the money to your room.

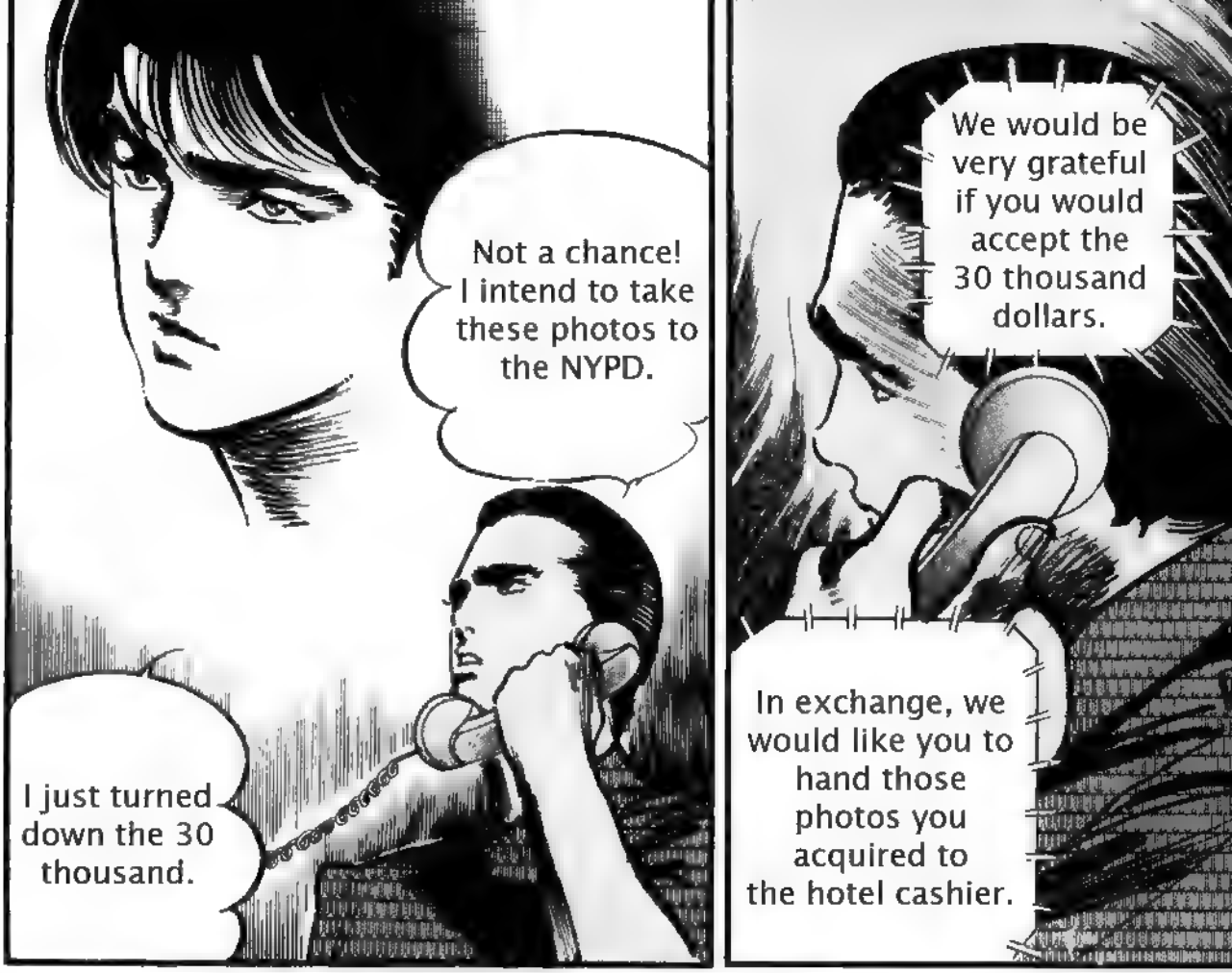
...


The remitter was also Chase Manhattan, so we went ahead and cashed the check.
The check was from Chase Manhattan Bank.



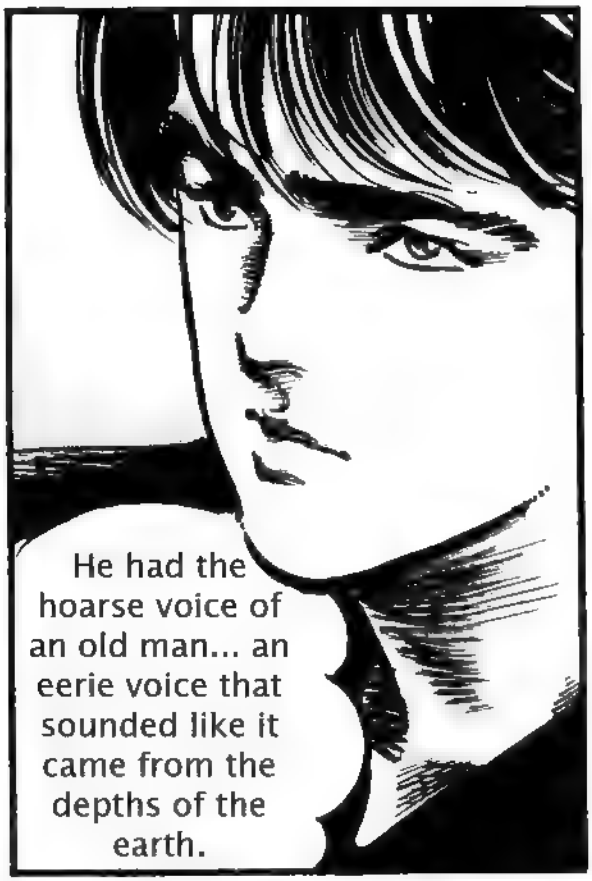

DING
DONG

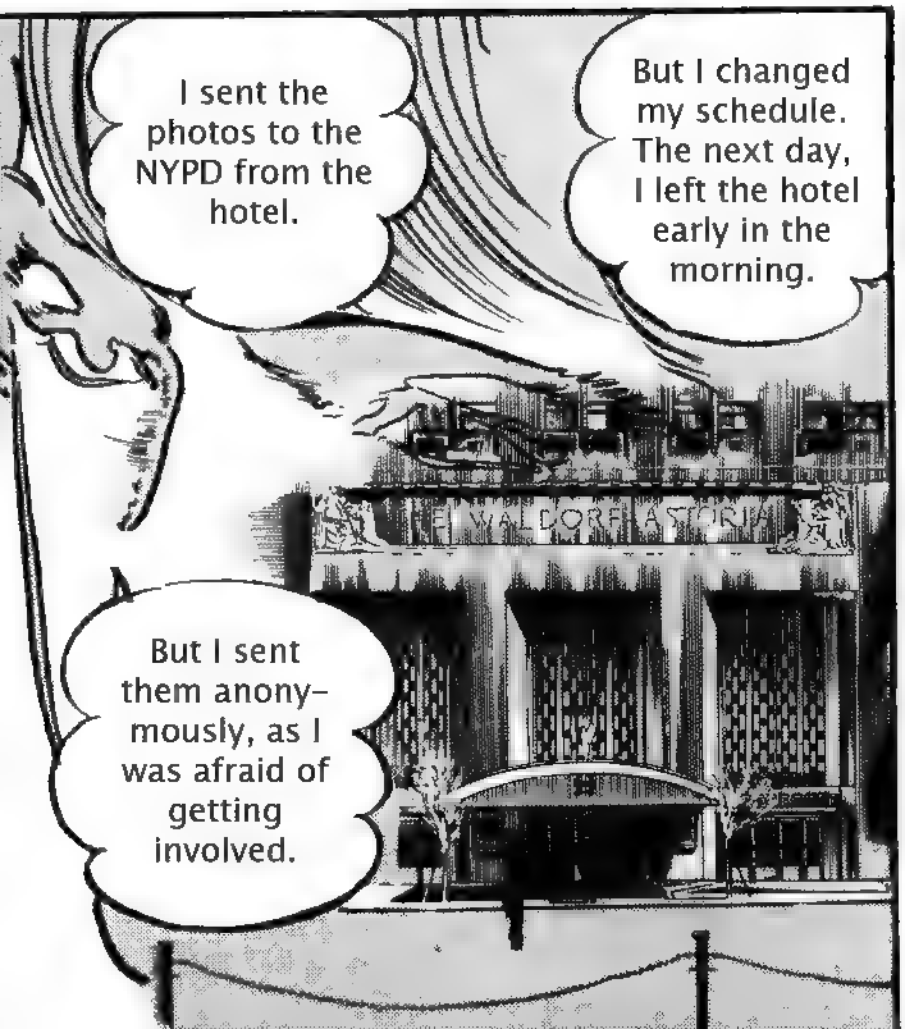
SLAM
Just take it to the police.
Refusing the cash would mean we would have to deliver it to the police, which would cause a lot of trouble.
RING
RING
RING
RING
DING


Not a chance! I intend to take these photos to the NYPD.
I just turned down the 30 thousand.
We would be very grateful if you would accept the 30 thousand dollars.
In exchange, we would like you to hand those photos you acquired to the hotel cashier.

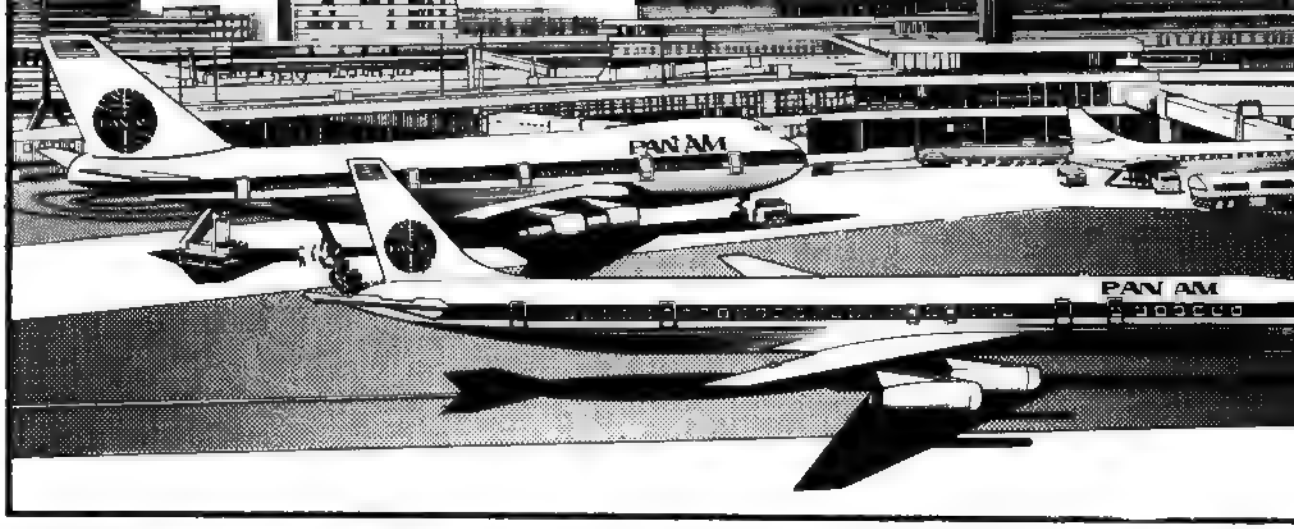
KACHIK

You're actually dead serious, aren't you?
Heh heh heh. What an honest man you are, and you're not even involved.


He had the hoarse voice of an old man... an eerie voice that sounded like it came from the depths of the earth.


I sent the photos to the NYPD from the hotel.
But I changed my schedule. The next day, I left the hotel early in the morning.
THE WALDORF ASTORIA
But I sent them anony-mously, as I was afraid of getting involved.

I was supposed to leave for Japan four days after that.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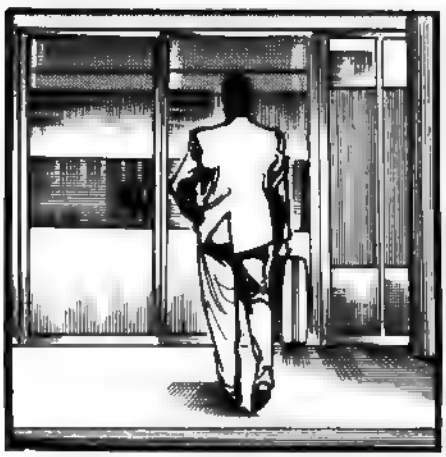

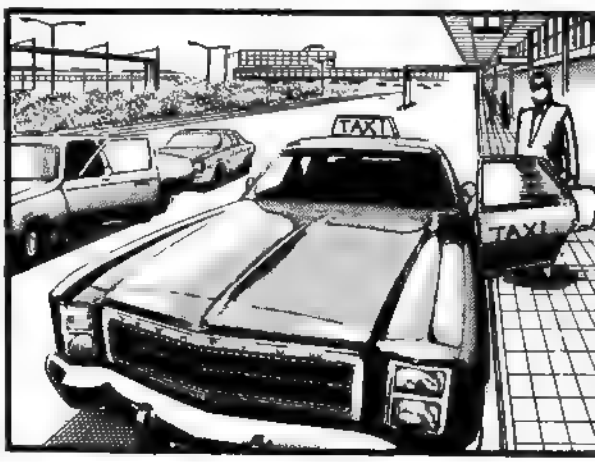
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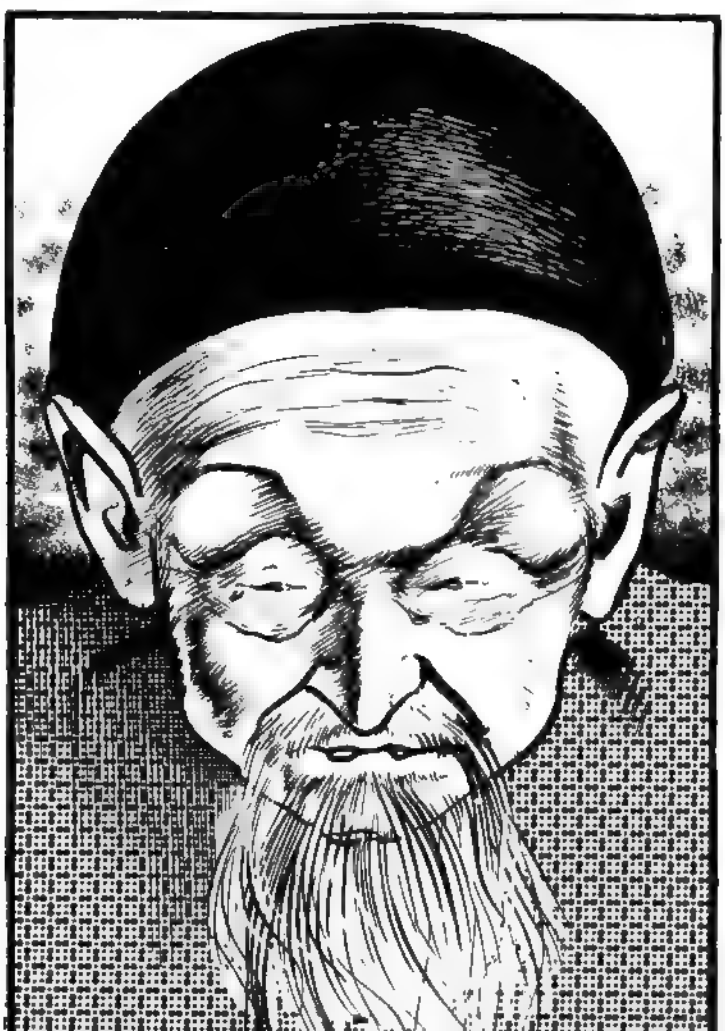
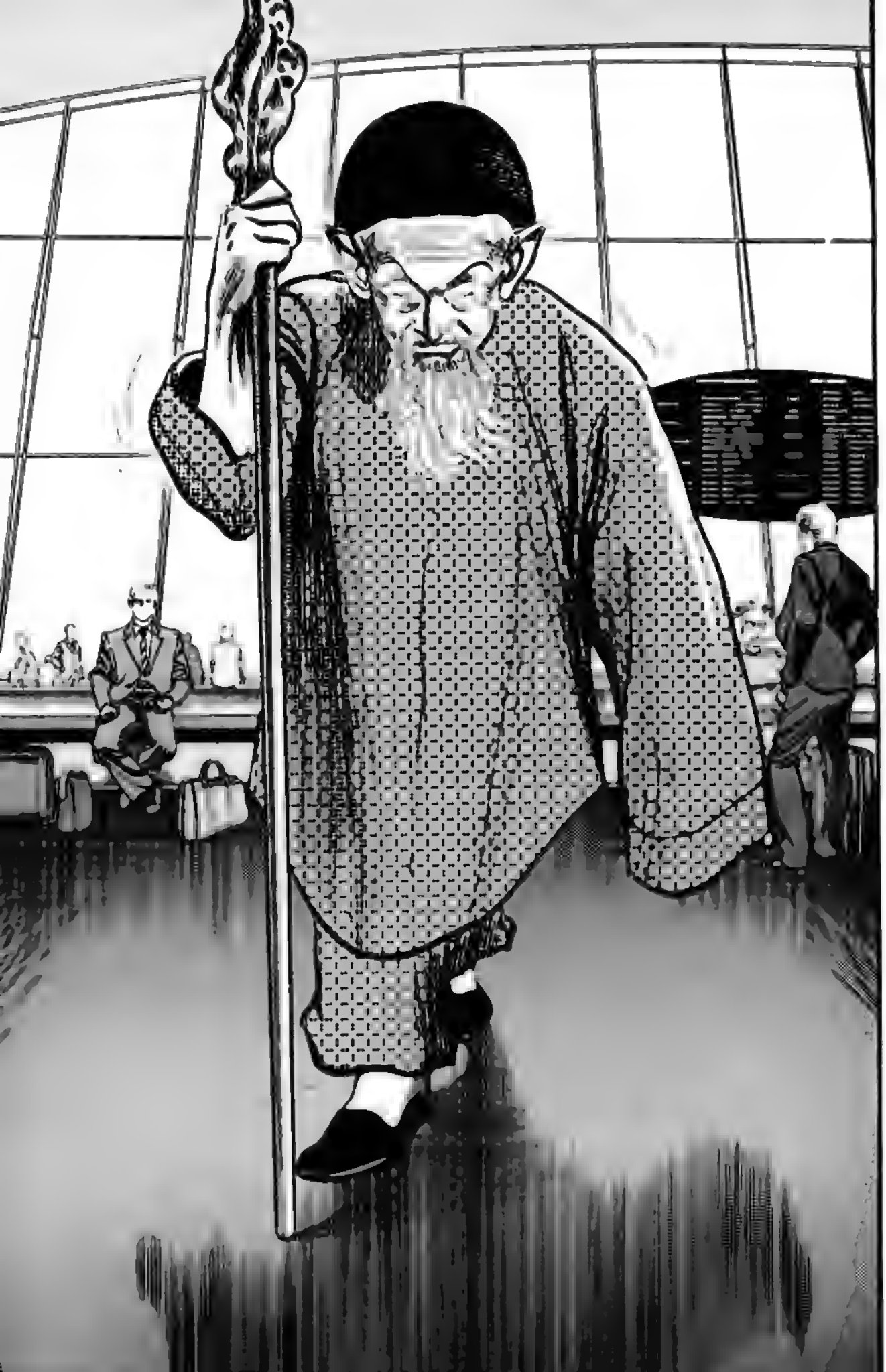
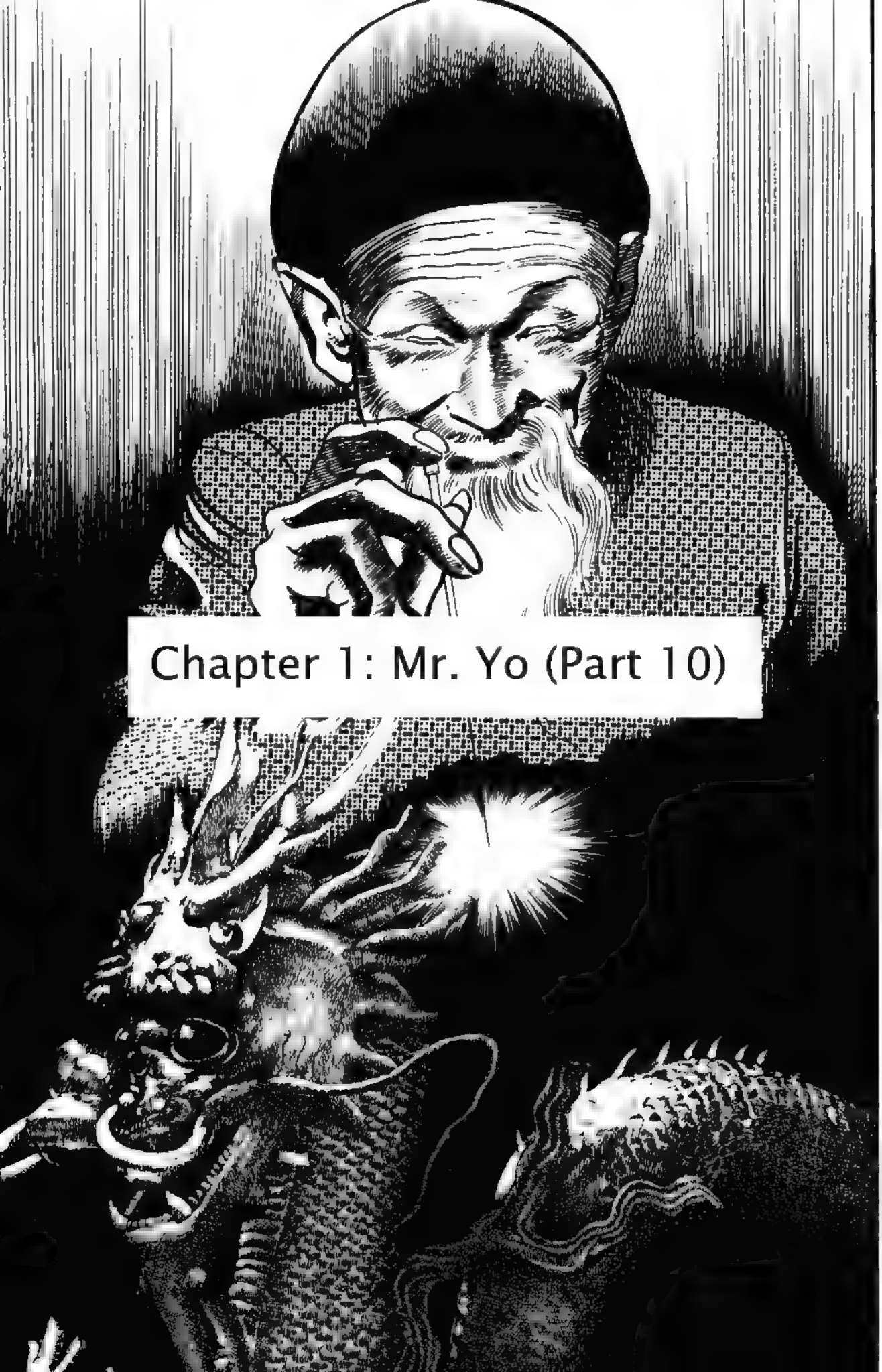




BUMP
WOAH

POKE
UGH!

My whole body was stiff, and when I tried to scream, nothing would come out.



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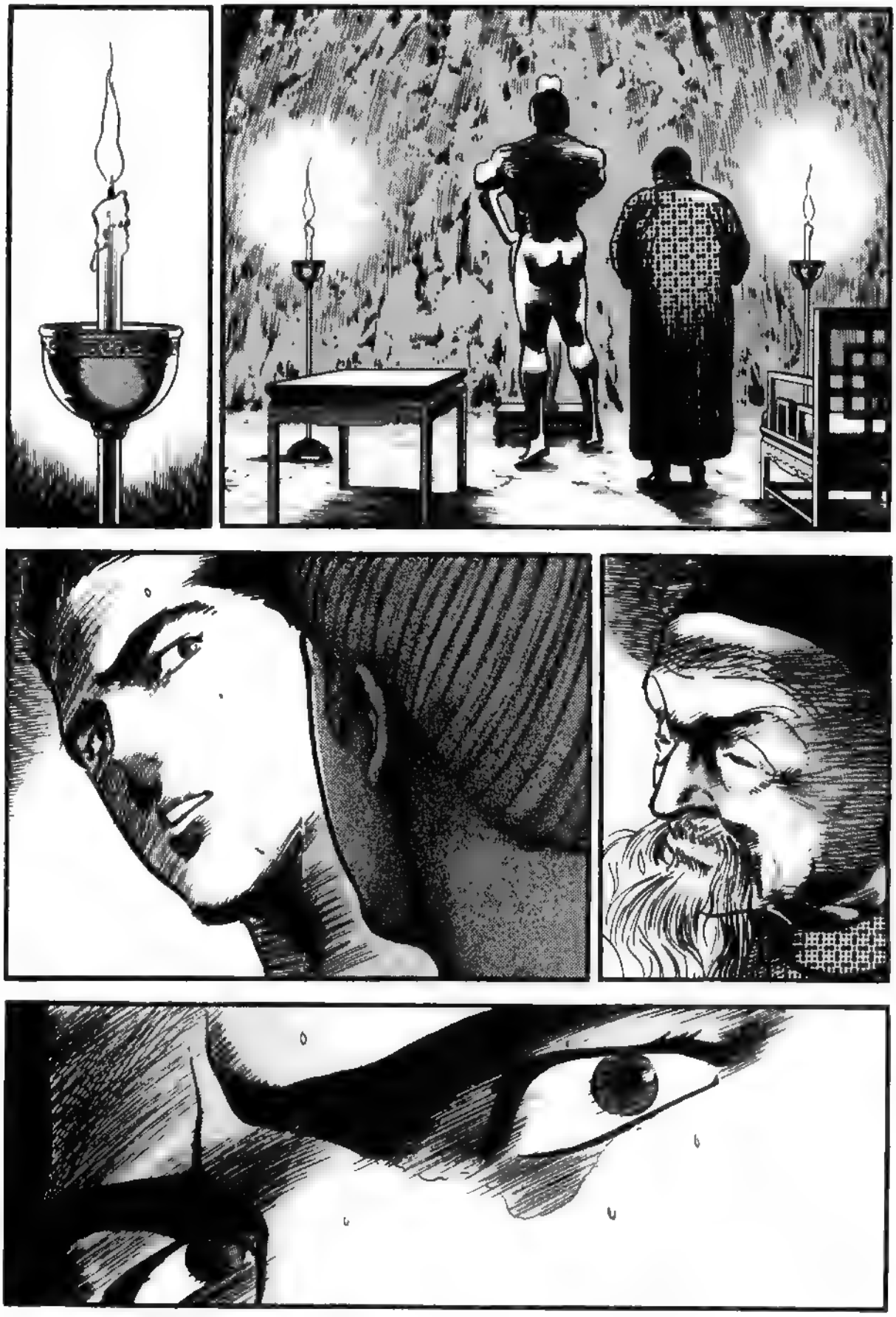


SHING
SHING

POKE
I'm Rushi-chiryu. My eyesight's not what used to be. Heh heh.
PLUNK
This might sting. Heh heh.
POKE

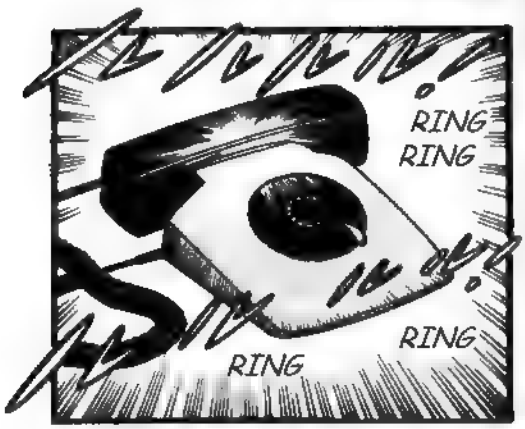
POKE
When your voice has failed you, it's sad.
When I poke needles into your cerebellum and pituitary gland...
...the orders of the 108 Dragons will be embedded into your brain. That's all there is to it. Heh heh.
When you can't move your hands and feet, it's devastating.
PLUNK
O.C.

TINGLE
SHIVER
SHIVER
POKE
POKE
POKE

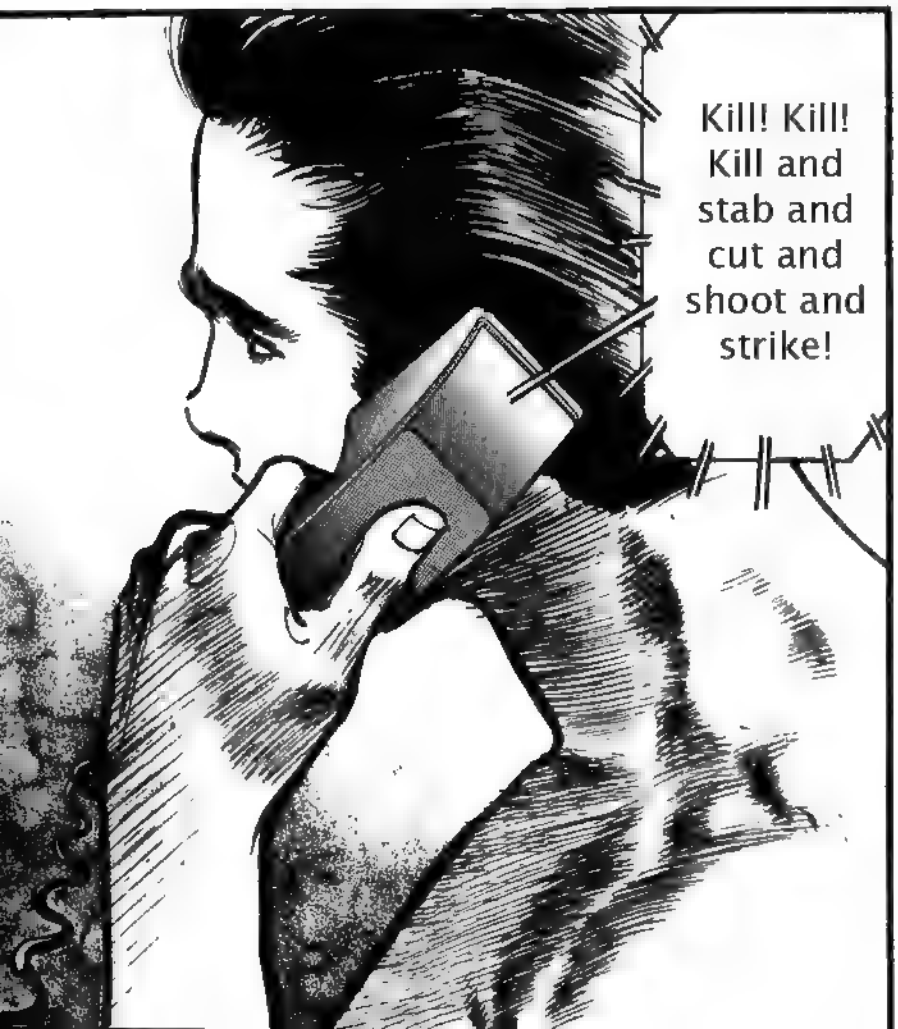
Kill! Kill! Kill and stab and cut and shoot and strike!

WHIRL WHIRL
WOOSH
WHEW
AHHH
WOAH
AH!
This is my room... in the hotel.

Why did they kidnap me just to bring me back here?


RING
RING
RING
RING

I couldn't go back to Japan, but I hadn't been killed.
I was back in my hotel room, and able to speak
It was strange.

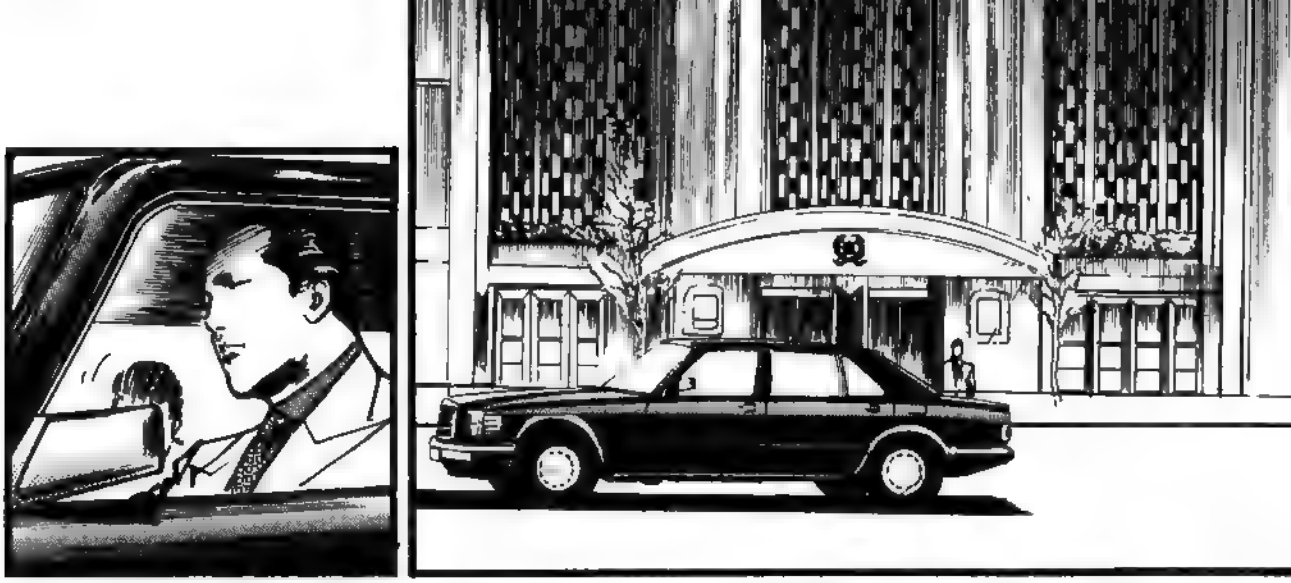

Kill! Kill! Kill and stab and cut and shoot and strike!

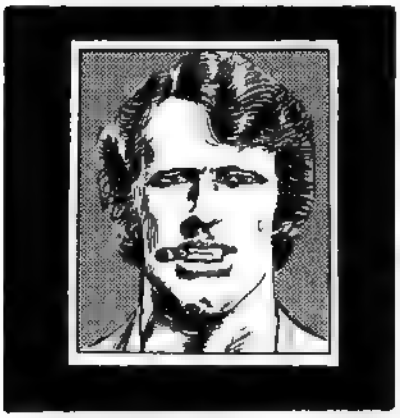
WHIRL

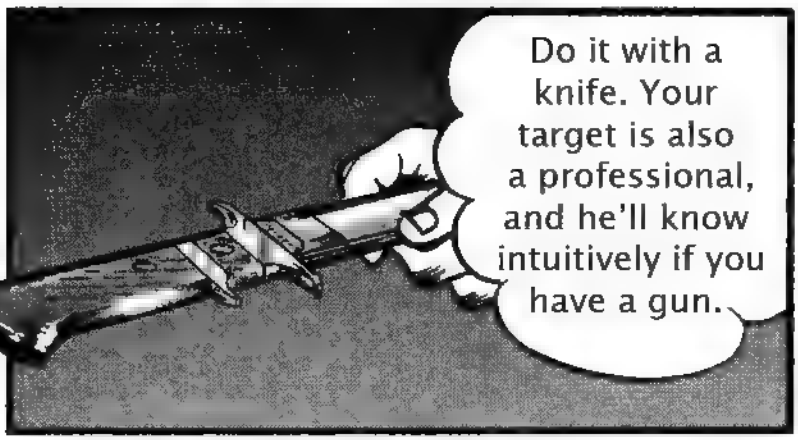
DING

Crying Freeman 1

I already have a job for you. Kill Antonio Rossi in Little Italy.
This makes you a member of the 108 Dragons.
Yo Hinomura. From this day forth you will never be released from the chains of your hypnosis trigger words.
Freeman?
Your guide awaits you outside. His name is Huáng Dé-Yuán, also known as Ko.
Go on then, Freeman. And good luck.
It's your codename, selected because you long for freedom.

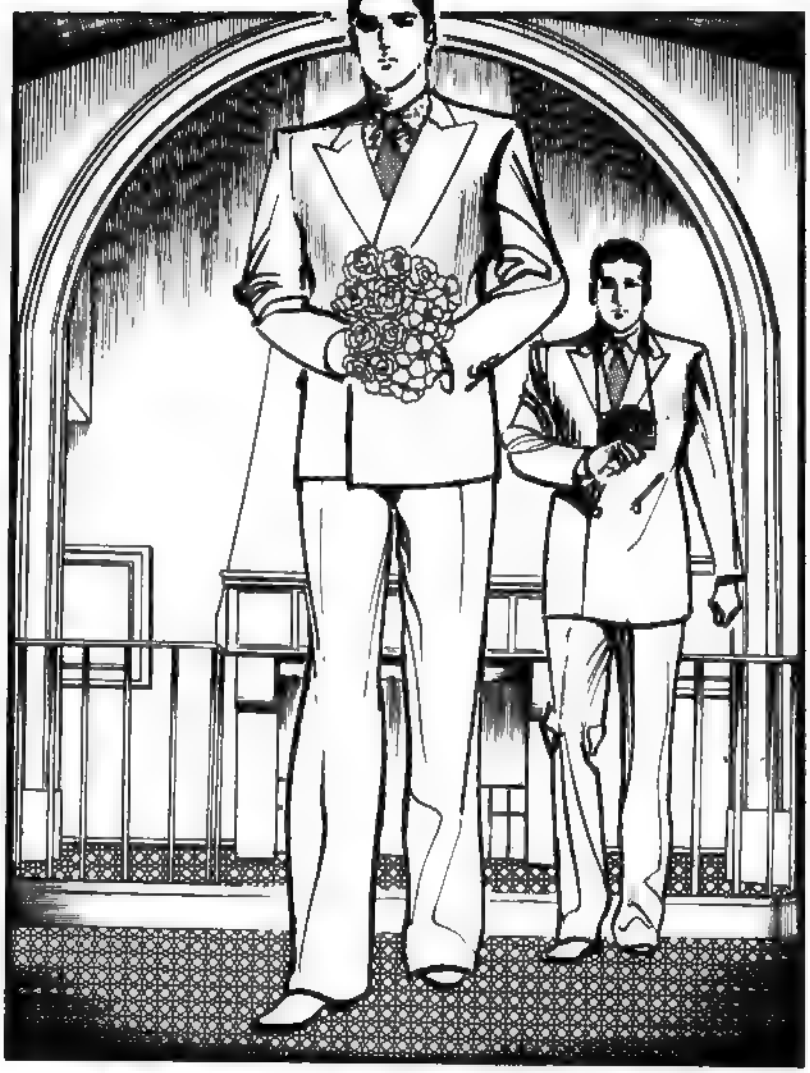





Do it with a knife. Your target is also a professional, and he'll know intuitively if you have a gun.

Flowers suit you well. That's rare for a man.

PACIUCCIS
Angelo's
RESTAURANT



WOAH
FOCUSED

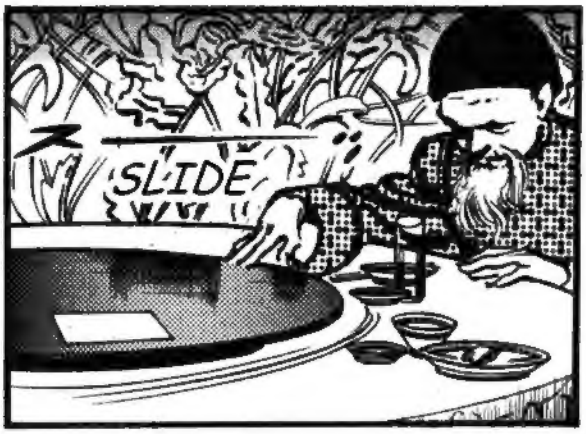
WOOSH
WHISH

MIN LTA
FOCUSED
THUK

AKAI

SLIDE

Excellent perfor-mance, just as I expected.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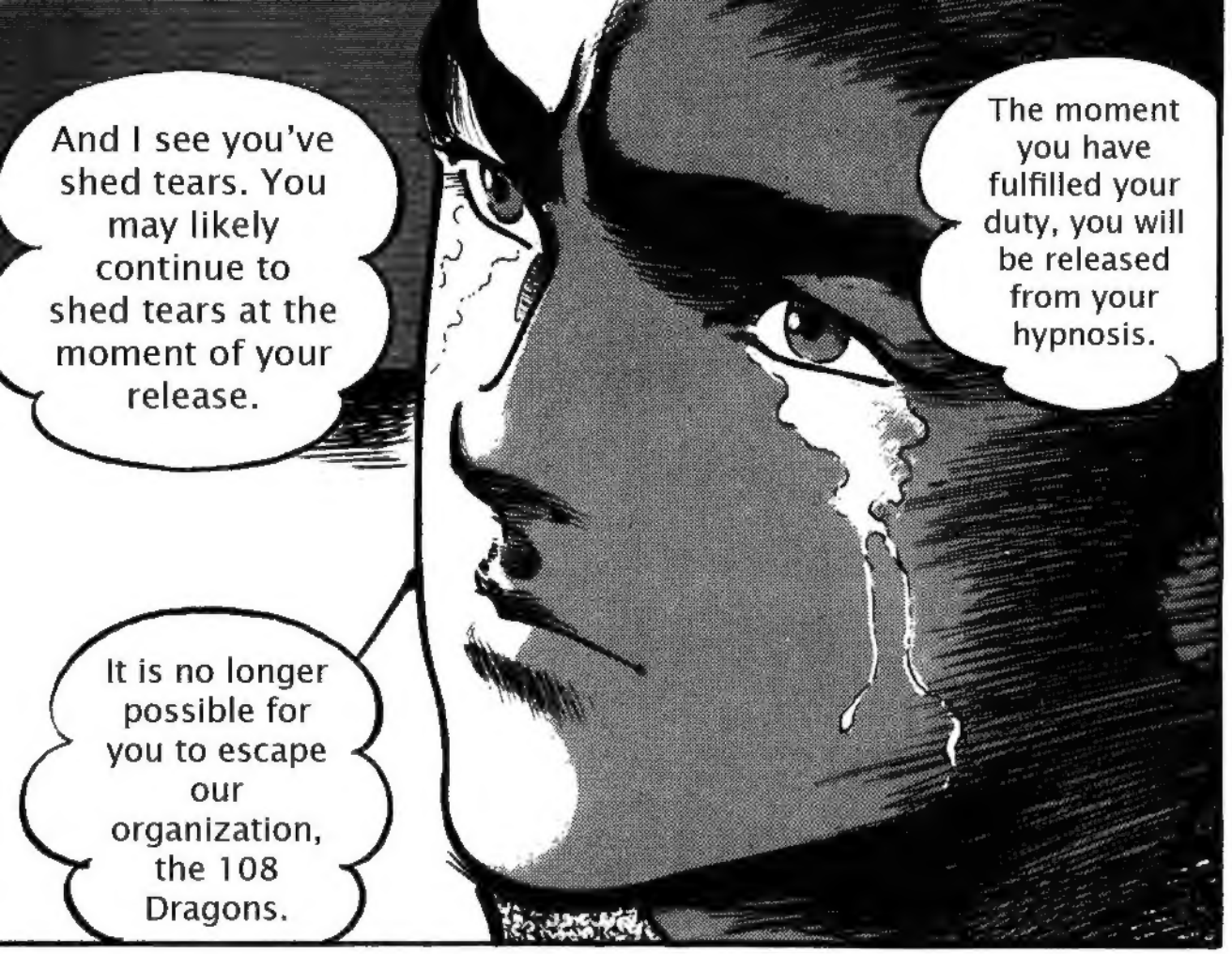
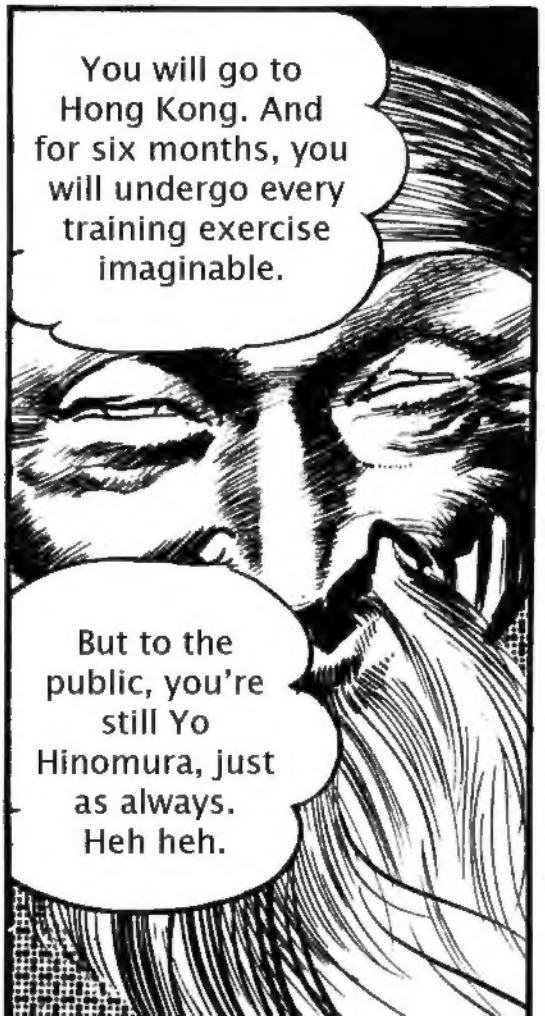
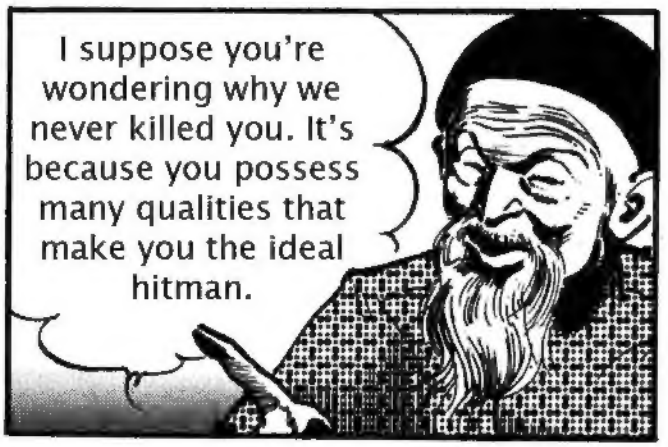
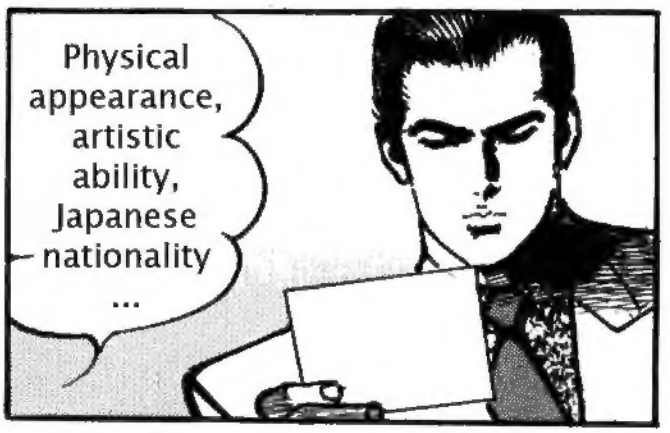

And I see you've shed tears. You may likely continue to shed tears at the moment of your release.
The moment you have fulfilled your duty, you will be released from your hypnosis.
It is no longer possible for you to escape our organization, the 108 Dragons.


You will go to Hong Kong. And for six months, you will undergo every training exercise imaginable.
But to the public, you're still Yo Hinomura, just as always. Heh heh.


I suppose you're wondering why we never killed you. It's because you possess many qualities that make you the ideal hitman.


Physical appearance, artistic ability, Japanese nationality ...

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